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CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

It was officially confirmed in London last night that the Chinese Government has requested the British Government to freeze Chinese assets in Britain and in the British Empire.

The measures will be put into effect shortly.

The reason for the Chinese Government's desire is that the Japanese are in control of certain parts of China and consequently assets of those territories.

If the Chinese assets were to remain unfrozen it would give the Japanese a loop-hole to continue trade with Britain.

A similar request was made by the Chinese Government to the Government of the United States who have already taken the necessary steps.

As From To-day

It was further officially announced in London that at the request of the Chinese Government

JAPAN WANTS PEACE

The Japanese Consul in Manila stated to the Press yesterday that Japan wants peace unless she is provoked beyond human endurance.

The Japanese will not fight, he added, and continued that there was no sense in fighting because the winner will lose in the end.—Reuter.

and in order to assist China's financial position, Treasury directions have been issued blocking sterling balances and other assets of persons resident in China.

The directions come into operation as from the opening of business to-day.

General authority is given for any payment in the sterling area authorised on behalf of the Chinese Government as well as payments necessary for fulfilment of certain outstanding transactions.—Reuter.

Fears Leave Morale Unshaken

THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST HAS OUSTED THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR FROM THE MAIN HEADLINES IN ALL SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

The citizens of Shanghai were dazed all day long yesterday as wild rumours succeeded each other in rapid succession and the Chinese dollar fluctuated violently.

There is, however, not the slightest questioning among Britons and allied nationals of the parallel action by the United States and the British Empire against Japan, despite the fears that it may end all Shanghai's non-Japanese trade for the duration.

The feeling among Shanghai's Britons and allied nationals is summed up in an article by a well-known British journalist and commentator who writes: "Retaliation having at last been initiated, it will be the hope of all Britons and Americans that it will be pursued to the utmost limit, notwithstanding the probability that it may result in temporary suffering and inconvenience in centres where the Japanese Army holds sway.

"It is now the eleventh hour and nothing is to be gained by tempering with this retaliation in order to avoid offending Japanese susceptibilities.

"The sooner its full effect makes itself felt upon Japan, the more likelihood there is of earlier appreciation by the Japanese of the disastrous consequences of their Army's policies."

Nanking Comment

The most noteworthy comment by newspapers supporting the Japanese puppet regime in Nanking appeared to-day in the "Kuo Min Hui Wen" which says that Japan can only adopt economic reprisals against the British and American action in freezing Japanese assets and that war is still far off.

THE NEWSPAPER SUGGESTS THAT JAPAN MAY RETALIATE BY CONFISCATING BRITISH AND AMERICAN ASSETS IN OCCUPIED CHINA, WHICH ARE ESTIMATED AT A BOUT £500,000,000.

ing the carrying out of the agreement between Japan and France for the joint defence of French Indo-China was concluded last Wednesday," it is announced by the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

According to a Domel despatch from Saigon, quoted by the Tokyo Radio, "negotiations for the conclusion of this detailed agreement were started last Wednesday morning and were brought to an amicable conclusion at 8 p.m. the same day."

The agreement was reached between Major-General Sumith, Head of the Japanese Military mission, and Vice-Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISEMBARKATION COMMENCES

THE DISEMBARKATION of Japanese forces in southern Indo-China has begun at Nhatrang, just north of Camrahn Bay.

The aerodromes to be utilised by the Japanese in addition to Saigon are in the Siemreap area, at Nhatrang in Tourane, in the middle of the Annam coastline, in Bienhoa near Saigon, in Soctrang at the mouth of the Mekong River, in Komongtom near the Great Lake Cambodia and in Phnompenh, capital of Cambodia.—Reuter.

Japanese troops began disembarking in Southern Indo-China yesterday, it is officially announced in Hanoi.

The Japanese are being permitted to use eight aerodromes under the agreement, including Saigon and Siemreap, near Angkor on the new Thai border.

The strength of the troops landing is not disclosed.

Main Bodies To-day

THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN SAIGON STATED YESTERDAY THAT AS A RE-

Detailed Agreement

"A detailed agreement confirm-

Indian Casualty Figures

INDIAN ARMY CASUALTIES DURING THE CAMPAIGNS IN AFRICA REPORTED BETWEEN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND JULY 8 THIS YEAR, TOTALLED 6,427, OF WHICH 759 WERE KILLED, INCLUDING 21 OFFICERS, 26 VICEROY'S COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND 712 INDIANS OF OTHER RANKS.

The remaining casualties include 40 prisoners of war, 1,216 missing and 4,376 wounded.

The proportion of casualties to the total number of troops engaged in the campaigns was stated to be "extremely low."

The total wounded contains "a very large number" of men who were only slightly wounded and who either remained on duty or returned to their units long ago.—Reuter.

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FLOPPING OF NAZI OFFENSIVE

Political Strategy Misfires On All Fronts

Attempt To Force Japan And Spain Into The War

ANGLO-DUTCH CONFERENCE IN LONDON

The Far Eastern situation was discussed in London yesterday between Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Van Kleffens, the Netherlands' Foreign Minister. Reuter.

RISE IN PRICES IN EUROPE

THE MOST STRIKING RISES IN RETAIL PRICES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR HAVE OCCURRED IN CLOTHING, ACCORDING TO THE JULY STATISTICAL BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, SAYS A BERNE DESPATCH TO VICHY YESTERDAY.

In Germany, the despatch adds, where the general cost of living index has only risen six per cent between the first six months of 1939 and May, 1941, the increase for clothing was 17 per cent.

In the United Kingdom and in Denmark, there was an increase of 72 per cent, in Finland and Norway 59 per cent and in Yugoslavia 103 per cent. Reuter.

AXIS HARD HIT

GENERAL PEARSON ALLEN, COLUMNIST OF THE "NEW YORK MIRROR," IN AN ARTICLE, COMMENTS:

"The doubled-barrelled dose of economic warfare, the freezing of Axis orders and the black-list have played real havoc with Axis operations in South America.

"Confidential Government cables report that as a result of these measures 25,000 Axis nationals have been uprooted wholesale from thriving enterprises and have become refugees, getting a dose of the bitter medicine which Germany has meted out to millions of European victims." Reuter.

N.Z. ARMY RESIGNATION

THE RESIGNATION OF SIR ANDREW RUSSELL FROM THE INSPECTOR-GENERALSHIP OF THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, AT WELLINGTON, BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR. NASH.

He said that Sir Andrew reached the decision in consequence of the appointment of Sir Guy Williams as Military Adviser, and also for health reasons.

Mr. Nash paid a tribute to the work of the retiring official whom the Government has re-appointed to the War Council. Reuter.

FURTHER LIGHT HAS NOW BEEN SHED ON WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE A GREAT OFFENSIVE IN POLITICAL WARFARE, TIMED BY GERMAN STRATEGY TO COINCIDE WITH THE MILITARY ATTACK ON RUSSIA, WRITES THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER."

The broadside military attack on Russia on June 22 was calculated at once to force Japan and Spain, and then Turkey, into war against the British Empire.

The lever which was to be used in the case of Japan and Spain was the revived Communist bogey, and in the case of Turkey the renewed demonstration of Axis invincibility.

On July 1, therefore, Germany and Italy gave de jure recognition to the Nanking puppet government of Wang Chung-wei. The German newspaper of July 3 and the Italian newspapers of the same day all elaborately explained in almost identical words that "Germany's and Italy's recognition is the consequence of the crusade against Communism."

At the same time, Wang Chung-wei was received by the Emperor of Japan.

Immediate Aim

Germany's immediate objective was to force Russia into a two-front war by producing a Japanese attack across the Manchurian frontier. But Japan's forces had been withdrawn from that region, not because of the non-aggression pact concluded with Russia on Hitler's suggestion when his other tactics dictated it, but because Japan was afraid of a Russian air attack on Tokyo.

After Five Weeks

SPAIN WAS SAVED FROM STARVATION ONLY BY THE BRITISH RELAXATIONS OF THE BLOCKADE IN HER FAVOUR AND BY DIRECT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP THAT HELP IS NOW BEING SUSPENDED PENDING SPAIN'S DECISION.

After five weeks, therefore, of the new German offensive combining the military attack on Russia with a subtle thrust in political warfare designed to range Japan, Spain and Turkey against Britain, the result is failure to crush Russia, failure to use the political lever quickly or in the way calculated upon Japan and Spain, failure to impress Turkey with German invincibility, and success in galvanising half the world against Germany.

The campaign is not over, but the first German plan, at any rate, seems to have miscarried. Reuter.

PHILIPPINE PLEDGES

PRESIDENT QUEZON YESTERDAY TELEGRAPHED COLONEL STIMSON VOICING GRATIFICATION AT THE APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MacARTHUR, AND REPEATING THE PLEDGE OF LOYALTY AND COOPERATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

It is significant to note that the Socialist communities of Panganga, known in the Philippines as the "Red Belt," in a joint statement, pledged loyalty to the United States, and their readiness to fight under the leadership of Lieutenant-General MacArthur against all foes of democracy. Reuter.

NO BEER? NO COAL!

"What? ... no beer?" The heat-trending city is going up in pubs and hotels all over Berkshire, where some licensed houses have closed, and other have bars open for short periods only.

The brewers' answer is that there is no coal, and without coal there can be no brewing. A director of one of the principal breweries told the "Daily Mirror" that they were working on half output, with the result that there was a widespread shortage.

Shortage Of Bottles

"The scarcity is not confined to Berkshire," he said, "but it seems to be centred there, because there is a greatly increased population."

"Prior demand of munitions factories has seriously affected our supplies of coal, and though everything possible is being done, the position does not seem to improve."

A Mines Department official, who said that breweries figured on the coal priorities list, suggested that the chief cause of the beer shortage was a scarcity of bottles.

The brewery director's reply was: "Coal is the outstanding problem."

MALAYA INDIAN'S DENIAL

An emphatic denial that the Central Indian Association of Malaya had anything to do with subversive activities, as was implied in a recent statement by Mr. Hall, Colonial Office spokesman in Parliament, was made in Madras yesterday by Mr. N. Raghavan, President of the Association.

The President added that Mr. Hall's statement was the result of representations by interested persons who did not like the existence of the Association and he affirmed that they were never party to any subversive agitation at all. Reuter.

IRAN MISSION

It was announced in Simla yesterday that the Raj has decided to depute Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ismail, Indian Trade Commissioner at Mombassa, to go to Iran on a short exploratory trade mission. Reuter.

SPIRITED AWAY

Somebody stole a couple of bottles of whisky from the saloon bar of the George IV Hotel, Croydon.



A picture symbolical of London's spirit. People making their way past debris-strewn pavements by bus, car and cycle, on their way to work as usual in the morning after a night raid.

MODERNISATION OF "THE ROCK" NEARLY COMPLETE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Gibraltar)

IMPROVEMENTS in the fortifications of Gibraltar have been considerably pushed ahead in the last few weeks and the training of personnel is proceeding with great energy.

This is particularly necessary as large quantities of new war materials have arrived, including a number of new devices.

DEFENCE VOTE PASSES THE HOUSE

THE NEW U.S. \$8,063,000,000 DEFENCE APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AND SENT TO THE SENATE.

The Bill includes \$4,760,000,000 for the army to equip and maintain the land force of 1,727,000 men plus "critical" items for a 3-million man army.

The Navy will get \$1,569,000,000 and the Maritime Commission \$1,899,000,000 for the construction of 541 cargo boats and the acquisition of 350 others. Reuter.

GERMAN DENIAL

The Official German News Agency last night issued a denial from "competent quarters" of the Moscow announcement that secret documents have been taken from German troops showing that Hitler planned to attack Turkey.

Such documents, it was declared, do not exist. Reuter.

Britain And United States Consult On Far East Moves

TO PURSUE PARALLEL COURSES

MR. SUMNER WELLES, United States acting Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, intimated that the United States and Great Britain are pursuing parallel courses in the Far East and will frequently confer on their objectives.

Mr. Welles added that the United States and Britain will frequently exchange views with other independent nations interested in the Far East.

He declined to elucidate the policy of the United States in regard to oil shipments to Japan under the President's recent "freeze" order.

He denied that there was any agreement to take the total Mexican oil production, but said he was optimistic about the future settlement of oil and other problems between the United States and Mexico.

Reviewing Events

LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR OF WASHINGTON, CALLED UPON THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. SUMNER WELLES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ECONOMIC MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST JAPAN.

Lord Halifax told a press conference that a review of the Far East situation was intended in the light of the Japanese move into Indo-China and the swift retaliatory measures by the United States and British Empire countries.

N.Z. In Line

That the New Zealand Government is taking action against Japan similar to the United States and Britain was announced in Wellington yesterday, states a Reuter message from that city.

U.S. Invitation To Latin America

Mr. Sumner Welles in Washington yesterday intimated that the United States would welcome parallel action by other American nations of the economic control measures against Japan.

Stressing that Latin American countries were free to act in any way they deemed advisable, he cited the steps already taken to ensure access by the United States to Latin American defence materials and to prevent the export of such goods from the United States.

Asked specially about the possibility that Venezuela might refuse to sell oil to Japan, Mr. Welles replied that it was solely a question for Venezuela to decide. — Reuter.

PHILIPPINE C.-IN-C.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY FORMALLY NOMINATED DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO BE LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The nomination was sent to the Senate where Senator Claude Pepper told the Press that President Roosevelt could make "no better selection" of a commanding general of the forces in this troubled Far Eastern area. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TRADE TO CEASE?

The Government's decision to freeze Japanese assets in India, and similar action by the Japanese Government in respect of Indian assets in Japan, is expected by well-informed circles in India to lead to the complete cessation of Indo-Japanese trade, says a message from Simla.

Indian exports to Japan for the year ended March 31, 1941 totalled £675,206 and her imports from Japan amounted to £1,616,100.

Although no mention of trade was made in the order by either Government, it is probable that the freezing orders will not affect goods which are ready for shipment and which had been paid for by either country.

The Government of India's order does not affect Japanese goods for which payment has already been made.

No trade agreement exists between Japan and India at present, but the Commercial Convention requires Japan to take from India cotton to the value of India's imports of Japanese textiles. The Convention is now under six months' notice of termination. — Reuter.

NETHERLANDS TO HOLD NO PARLEYS WITH AXIS

THE DETERMINATION of the Netherlands Government to hold no parley whatsoever with the Nazi regime was reaffirmed in an announcement in London yesterday stating that Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina had approved of a number of ministerial appointments.

The only change in personnel is in the defence department. In view of the great importance attached particularly in the present circumstances to the Netherlands Navy, a separate Navy Department has been created.

This department will function under Admiral Fursters, who was Chief of the Naval Staff in 1930 and this year was made Commander-in-Chief in European waters.

The Netherlands Government reiterates that the entire conduct of affairs and the method of working will continue to be directed to participating most energetically with the Allies and the United States in the prosecution of the war, for regaining their complete independence and for preparation of solution of the problems which will occur after the war. — Reuter.



SAVED BY HIS DINGHY—After shooting down one German plane and damaging two others, Fit. Lt. A. M. Campbell, an English pilot with a New Zealand Squadron, had a remarkable escape. He was forced to bale out and had to hide under his dinghy while German planes circled round. He was picked up by a rescue launch 2½ hours later, somewhat bruised but otherwise fit. The skipper of the rescue launch asked for his wings as a memento. Photo shows Fit. Lt. Campbell (right), showing his dinghy to fellow pilots.

COURTESY CALL AT GIBRALTAR

A MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERISED THE FIRST VISIT TO LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT GIBRALTAR, OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF ALGECIRAS, GENERAL DON FERNANDO BARRON YORITZ.

A Guard of Honour was mounted and the naval, military and air force staffs and colonial government officials were present.

The Governor was given a 17-gun salute upon his arrival and departure from Gibraltar. — Reuter.

THREE CANADIANS DROWN

Sappers Douglas Ainsworth Lott and William Platt, both 20, and John Higgins, 21, all of Canadian R.E., were drowned at Waggoners Wels, beauty spot on Surrey-Hants border at Grayshott, when a boat capsized.

SUPPORT FOR MR. MENZIES

AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN UNITED PARTY, WHICH, WITH THE COUNTRY PARTY, COMPRISES THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL PARTY, SPOKE AT A SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY IN FAVOUR OF MR. MENZIES AND REQUESTED HIM TO CONTINUE HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY.

At the close of the meeting at Canberra, which was somewhat stormy and lasted five hours, Mr. Menzies announced that he was making an acroplane tour of South Australia and Tasmania which he had not visited since his return from England and America. — Reuter.

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GERMANS FIND EXCUSE IN ARMY'S DISCOMFORT

GERMAN PROPAGANDA, excusing the slow progress on the eastern front continues to emphasise the difficulties the troops are encountering.

Describing conditions on the Russo-Finnish border, the Berlin correspondent of the Berne newspaper "Buid," says "An endless column of heavily laden soldiers march gasping and cursing through a nightmare of endless forests.

HARD HIT BUT SAFE HOME

Although his aircraft was so severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, that both engines eventually cut out, the captain of one of our heavy bombers brought it home from Kiel the other night and landed with only one slight casualty among the crew, writes a Home Correspondent.

When the aircraft arrived over the target it was met by fierce anti-aircraft fire and many searchlights. One cone of light caught and held the aircraft, but the captain kept over the target and successfully bombed his objective.

"Shells were bursting all about us," he said. "We could hear them and we could smell them—the same smell you get on a busy shooting range. Mingling with it was the smell of petrol when one of the tanks was hit. By diving and climbing and making sharp turns we managed to escape.

"At one moment we got into a spin but pulled out, though just before the dinghy, in its box, had fallen eight feet and hit the alligator in the back. He also got a knock from his seat as it broke off.

"After we had got clear we had to use the stars to guide us. We were caught and fired on again over another town. Later, we were heavily attacked from the ground for the third time, but managed to reach the English coast.

"Our troubles were not over. One engine cut out when our height was 1,800 feet. After a few minutes it started again, and enabled us to climb before it spluttered and died away altogether. Then our other engine cut out. I saw trees only 200 feet ahead, but I was able to avoid them and land. We had one casualty—the navigator had a slight cut in the head.

"I found that most of our starboard flap had been shot away. As a souvenir I have kept a piece of it—just a bundle of fabric which the wind had tied into eighteen knots."

BRIDE AUCTIONS WEDDING CAKE

The Irish bride of a Polish airman auctioned the top tier of her wedding cake in aid of London War Weapons Week.

The auction took place among guests at a Strand hotel, and the cake, which came from Dublin, had cascades of white sugar and layers of marzipan icing. Up went the bidding until, when 25 guineas had been made for War Weapons, the tier was bought by a woman—and handed back to the bride.

PHILIPPINES MILITARY PRECAUTIONS

General Douglas MacArthur conferred with Staff Officers and President Quezon in Manila yesterday.

President Quezon has handed over his presidential yacht to the United States Navy for use as a minefield patrol ship.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE SPEECH AT BEIRUT

"It is right, just and practical to establish the real sovereignty and independence of Lebanon not only for the sake of Lebanon, but for the sake of France herself," declared General de Gaulle in a speech at Beirut yesterday.

General de Gaulle was addressing a gathering representative of religious, political, social and economic life in Lebanon, according to a despatch to the Independent French News Agency.

The General added: "Our presence among you means that France will cooperate with you to defend your liberties against those who threatened them.

"If for strategic reasons our brave Allies, the British, have come here with us, it is to help us to fulfil our age-old task as we are helping and will continue to help them in other territories."—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP IN PALACE BOMBING

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WAS AT LAMBETH PALACE WHEN IT WAS BOMBED AGAIN RECENTLY.

"The experience of crashing bombs and crackling flames was a trying ordeal," he writes in the "Canterbury Diocesan Gazette."

He states that five large bombs fell in the Palace precincts. The library, chapel and the Old Lollards' Tower were badly damaged.

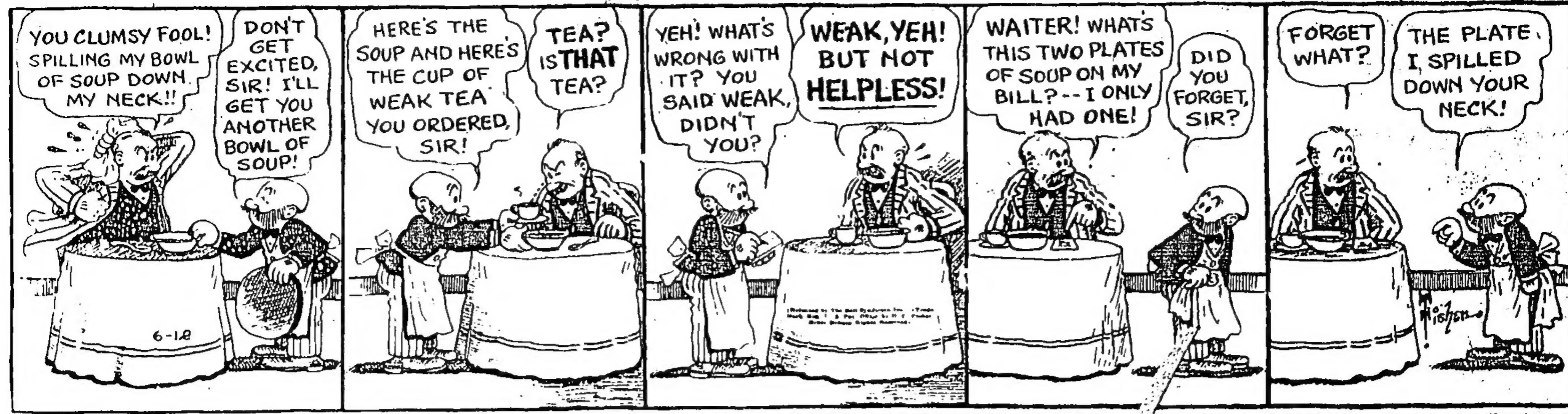
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By BUD FISHER

U.S. Rubber Supply Threatened

WHEN THE LIST of strategic materials was first compiled about a year ago crude rubber received almost top ranking. As the defence programme began to roll crude rubber experienced increasing government controls.

At first a storage programme was instituted; later the movement of supplies from producing areas came under official supervision. Currently, consideration is being given to control over manufacture of crude into finished goods, says Mr. W. Hutchinson in the "Wall Street Journal."

Rising consumption of rubber in desires are well known, is making the U.S. has occurred at a time threatening gestures toward the when movement of supplies from producing areas is extremely difficult. Ship shortages in the Pacific are the most serious in history. Simultaneously the nation's huge defence scheme has resulted in the greatest demand for rubber ever known. Consumption, which has already established two successive records, in 1938 and 1940, is expected to top 1,05,000 tons this year, or about 30 per cent above last year's peak.

Besides this there has been the constant threat of a complete severance of trade in the Far East, Japan, whose Dutch Indies

Government Stores Rubber

To forestall an acute shortage of rubber in the U.S. in the event that supply movements were hampered the government early last summer created the Rubber Reserve Co. to accumulate a year's needs in domestic warehouses. The agency originally was financed by both the government and members of the rubber industry, with both parties contributing

\$2,500,000. The company's programme, to date is far behind schedule with little hope that it can be completed on time. However, government stocks have been increasing steadily and at the end of March were equivalent to slightly more than two months' needs.

Because of the losses to her merchant marine, Great Britain has been compelled to divert vessels once used in the rubber service to other and more vital needs. As a result British ships, which had been used to transport most of America's crude, no longer are carrying rubber to domestic shores. Likewise, Dutch vessels, formerly second in importance, have been taken from the rubber run, but not, as yet at least, in as great a proportion as the British. Currently the U.S. rubber industry is almost wholly dependent on American flag vessels, which already are over-taxed.

Early in March the Rubber Reserve Co. took its most decisive step to date. It assumed complete control of all rubber shipments in American vessels was given over to it. An allotment system was established whereby the company allots shipping space to itself, consumers, and dealers and importers on a pro-rated basis.

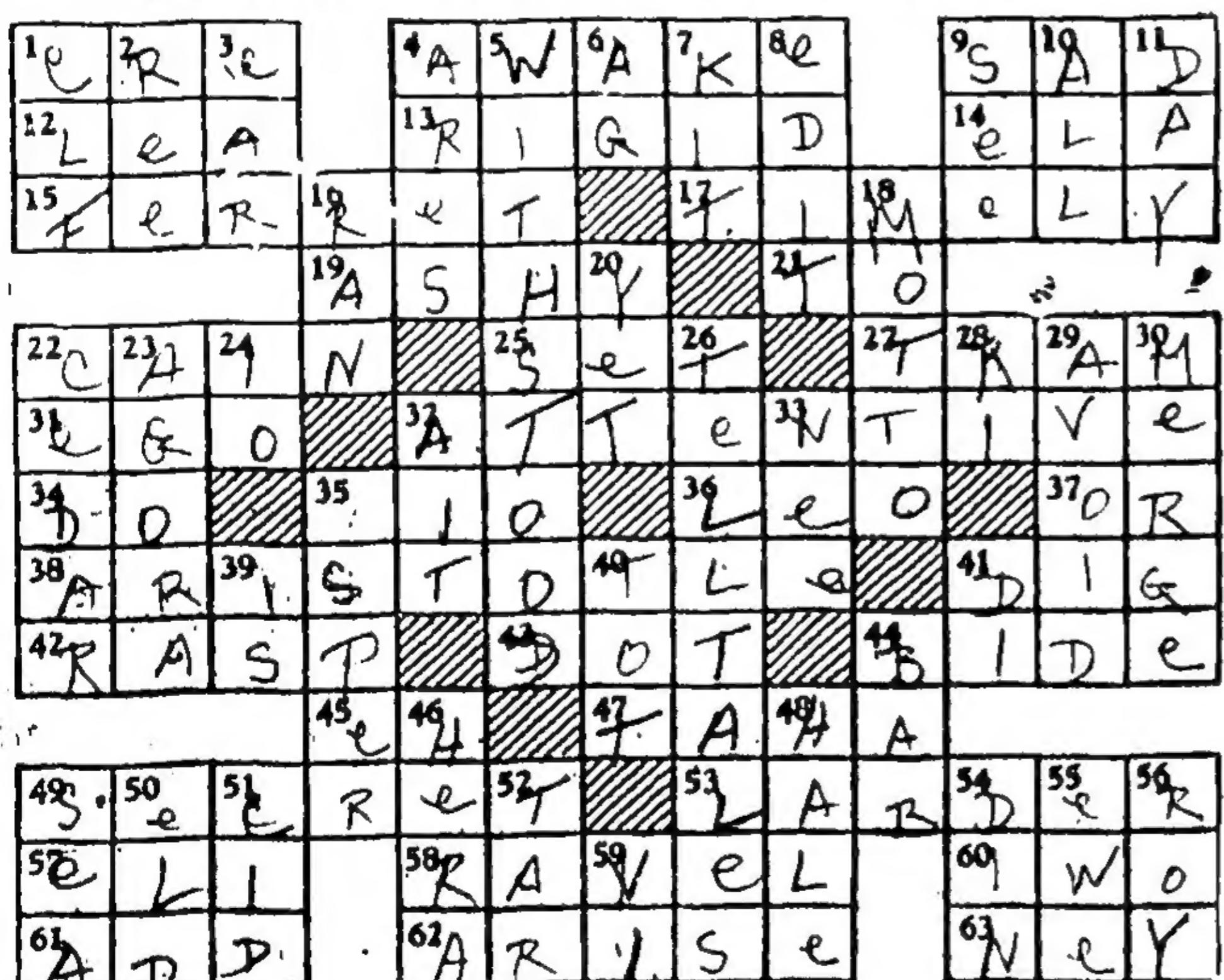
The rubber trade is of the opinion that the government is going to make every effort to build up its huge stock pile. This may very well pinch the civilian consumer. Manufacturers already have discussed tentative curtailment plans with the government. These include elimination of many various sizes and shapes of tyres—reducing production to a few basic types. As a result the nation's dealers may not have to carry as large an inventory as at present.

Synthetic Rubber

In mid-April this year Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana opened a synthetic rubber plant in Baton Rouge, thus making the first large scale synthetic production plant in the country by an oil company. The plant is designed to manufacture 10,000 pounds of Buna rubber a day, or about 3,000,000 a year. Chemists feel synthetic production will eventually reduce the country's dependence on the natural product.

Chief drawback to the synthetic rubber industry is the very high cost of building the manufacturing plants. The government has been encouraging expansion in this field, however, and is expected to help finance additional new plants if the flow of supplies is materially curtailed. One other source of supply is open to the rubber industry. South America, original home of the rubber tree, can send some supplies here. With proper supervision, Brazil alone, could meet all local needs, but again time and high costs hold back expansion in this direction. However, the U.S. Government has sent three or four expeditions to South America recently, and spent almost \$10 million in surveying prospects, and attempting to get more crude shipped to the U.S.

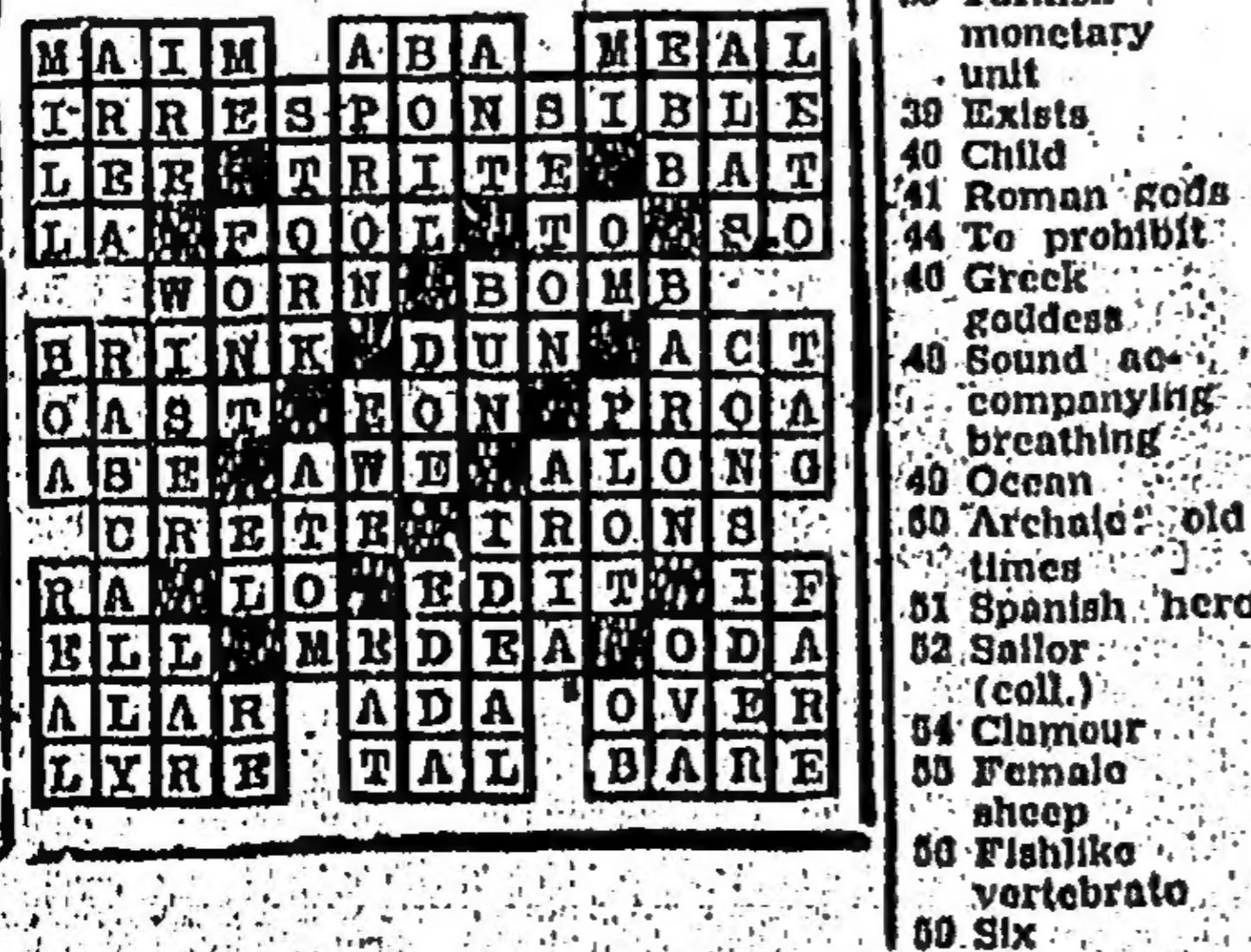
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1 Sooner than
4 To tease to sleep
9 Melancholy
12 Meadow
13 Staff
14 Guido's high note
15 Weasel-like carnivore
17 Opportune
19 Pale
21 Part of infinitive
22 Son of Adam
23 To place
27 Mine car
31 The self
32 Observant
34 To accomplish
35 Philippine Island ward division
36 Constellation
37 Conjunction
38 Greek philosopher
41 To drive
42 To grate
43 Speck
44 To await
45 Isn't that right?
47 Ancient Irish capital
49 Hidden
53 Pantry
57 High priest

VERTICAL
1 Brownie
2 Female ruff
3 Hearing organ
58 To disentangle
60 Hawaiian bird
61 To append
62 To ascend
63 French marshal
18 Sentence expressing a guiding principle
20 Still
22 Mountain in Virginia
23 Greek assembly
24 Butterfly
26 Informers
28 Japanese measure
29 To shun
30 To combine
32 Siamese coin
33 By birth
35 Turkish monetary unit
39 Extinct
41 Roman gods
44 To prohibit
46 Greek goddess
48 Sound accompanying breathing
49 Ocean
50 Archæological times
51 Spanish hero
52 Sailor (coll.)
54 Clamour
55 Female sheep
56 Fishlike vertebrate
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

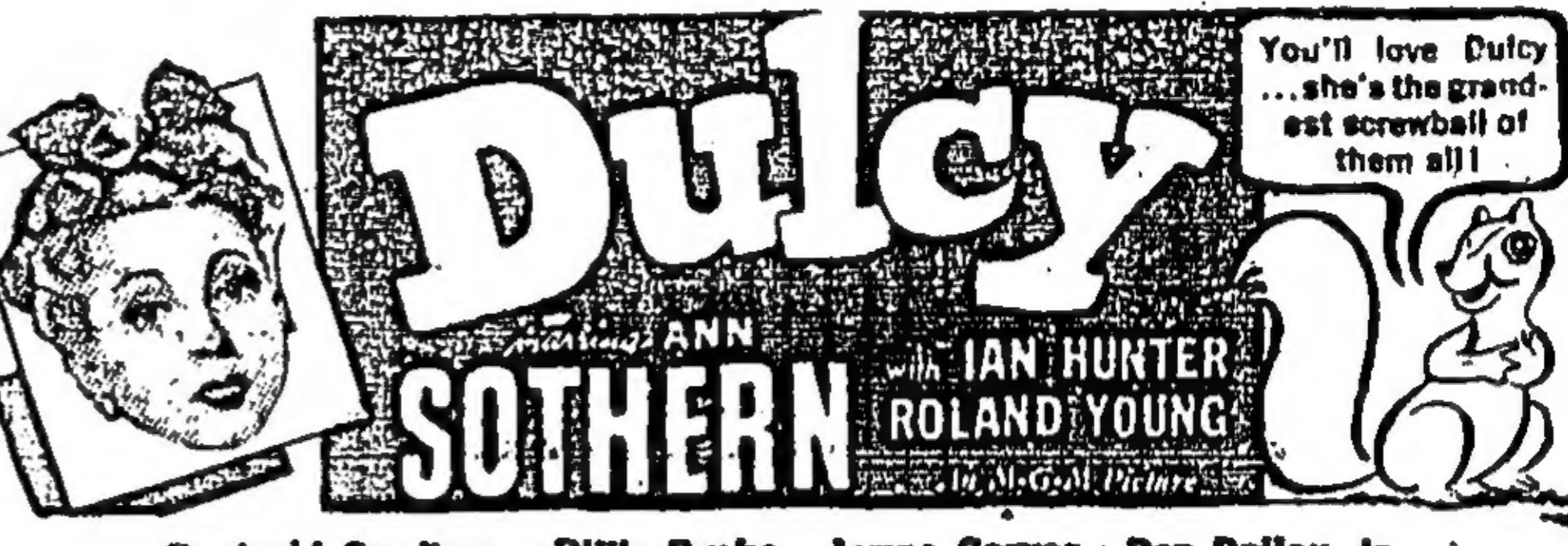


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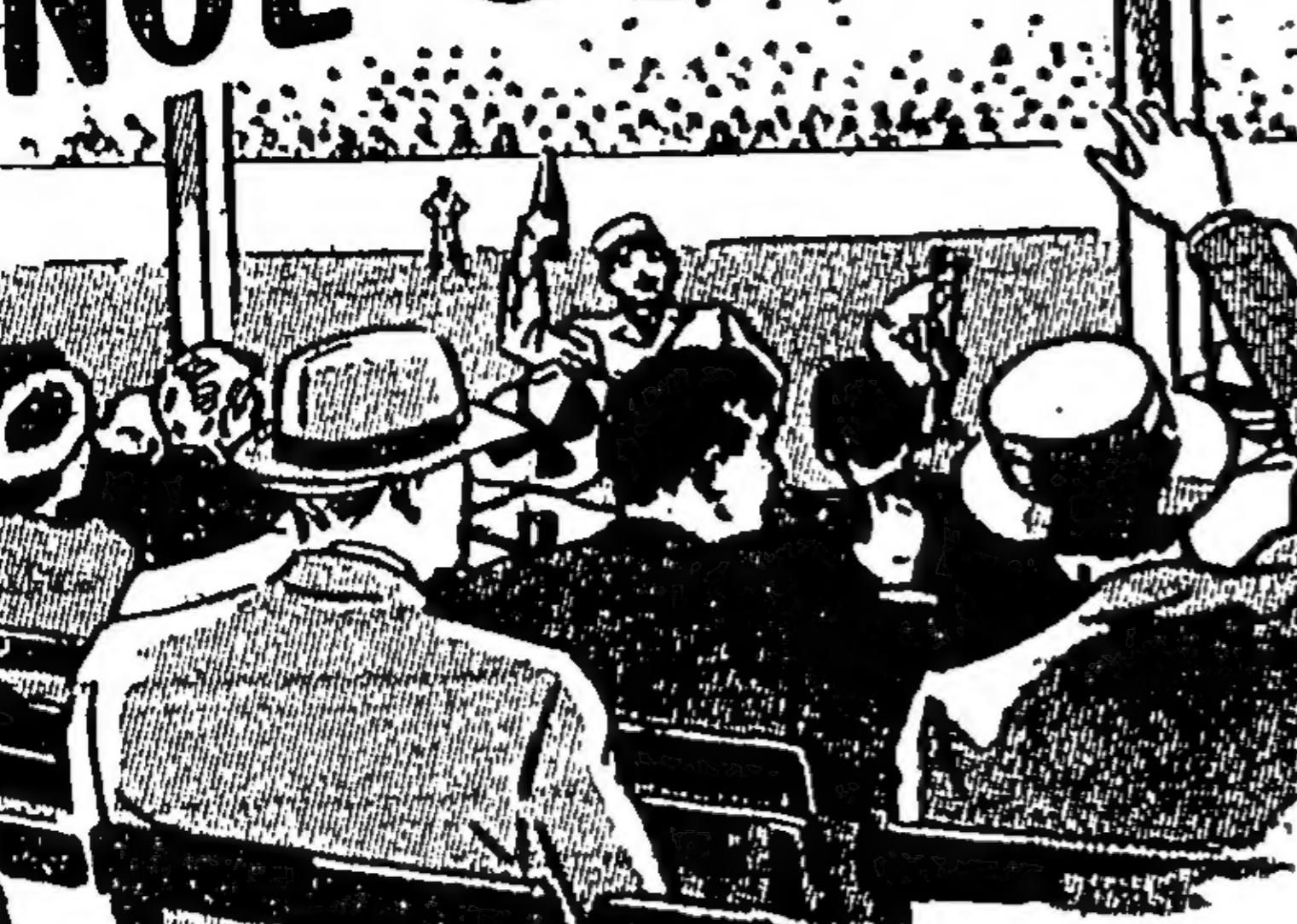
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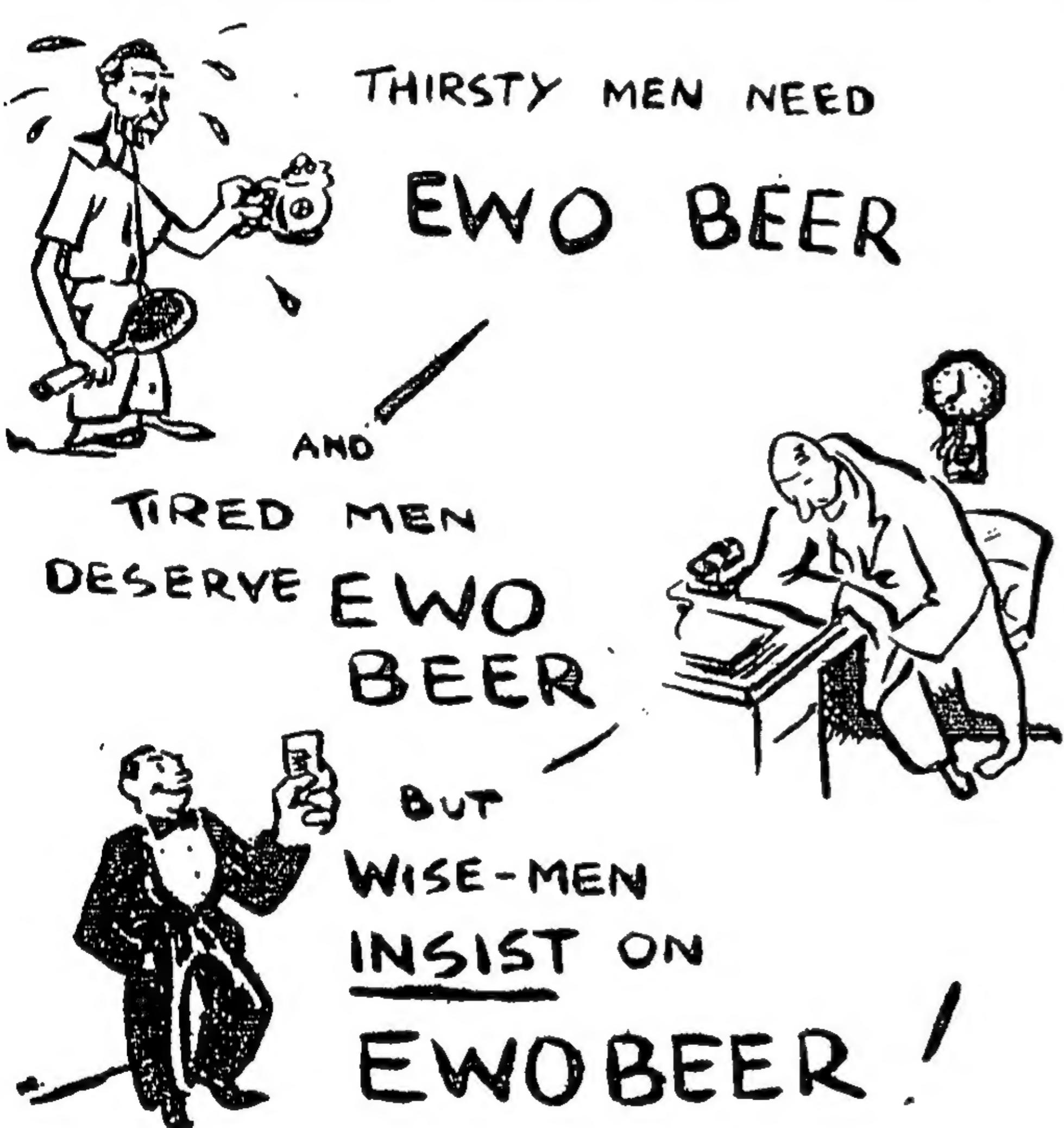
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GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, who has relinquished his post as Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, in which he has won the greatest distinction of any British soldier in this war, discussed the war in an informal interview in Cairo.

In his office he recalled briefly the victories and defeats of the past glorious and tragic months and, responding to conversational questions, sketched opinions as to the future that are of special interest at this critical point in American and world history.

The most interesting of these from the American point of view sum up to this:

Whatever happens in Eastern Europe, where the Germans and Russians are battling, the final issue of the war will be decided in the West, as it was in the last war, and in the end it will be a battle of man power.

He Expects Long War

If the war continues long enough—and General Wavell appears to have no illusions that this will be a short war if it is to be effectively and permanently won—American man power will be needed. Our airplanes, tanks and guns, decisive though their aid has been in helping Britain hold out this long, will not be enough. There is a limit to Britain's own man power.

Germany can and will be beaten eventually by an invasion of her soil after she has been hammered sufficiently from the air.

When and where American troops should eventually be employed are matters to be determined by events.

Britain has no intention of abandoning this theatre of war.

General Wavell's conclusions on the part the United States may play, though they coincide with those of many highly placed Americans, were not volunteered by him, but were disclosed only in replies to specific questions and sometimes were revealed more by inference than by statements. Like every other high British official, he has studiously avoided advising Americans what they should do.

The interview was given to only two correspondents, Frank Gervast of Collier's and the writer, who had been trying to arrange it for some time—not an easy thing to do, for the general has a terrific working schedule. Once one gains access to him, General Wavell proves once more what every reporter learns early, that the bigger the man the more gracious he is.

The Commander in Chief's office, in a big Cairo office building taken over by General Headquarters, has no hint of war except maps, studded with pins, that almost entirely cover the paneled walls. There are no other decorations. On a large, plain, flat-topped desk are reports from subordinates and a few reference books.

**Apology For Shirt
Sleeves**

The general left his desk as we entered and led us to a small table in a corner where we could talk close together in complete informality. The general apologized for his shirt sleeves. He has a fine military bearing, listens carefully and speaks directly to you in the language of an orderly, well-stocked mind and gives the impression of perfect frankness and intellectual honesty.

It was evident General Wavell was relinquishing this command with some regret although he looks tired and in among subordinate officers one great need of rest. Everywhere among subordinate officers one finds regret at the general's leaving.

"How do you feel about your new post, General?" was the opening question.

"I was in India thirty years ago as a subaltern," he replied. "It will be a new job and quite a change. I have had two quite strenuous years here. We have had our ups and downs. Auchinleck (General Claude J. E. Auchinleck who will succeed General Wavell in the Middle East command) is a very good soldier. It will be a good thing to have a fresh mind work on this situation. If one is too long in one

military triumph so complete that Germany could not again terrorise the world.

Air Power

"Eventually," he went on, "Germany can be beaten by a combined, unrelenting assault from the air, softening her up for an ultimate invasion of her territory. But nothing can be done without air power.

"The West remains the principal battlefield while the other front becomes one of attrition."

One correspondent raised the question of whether the present threat to Russia's Ukraine, with its grain, coal, iron and water-power, and to her Caucasus, with its oil, was not converting the war into a race between Germany and America, Germany's part of the race being to exploit these resources before America can prepare for active belligerency on land.

"Do you think we have time," asked the correspondent, "to prepare the necessary forces for an invasion and to bring our munitions production up to the level required for a lasting victory before Germany can make effective what loot she can get in Russia?"

"The greatest danger to the West," replied General Wavell, thoughtfully, "always has been that Germany would conquer Russia and utilize her resources, hasn't it?"

He paused a moment and then said, "Yes, I believe there is time."

There were a few more questions about the Western Desert which General Wavell thought was now safe for the British, and about the respite for the British and Near East forces that Adolf Hitler's assault on Russia has provided. Then the general rose and said: "I must get on with the day's work."

His day's work is chiefly the directing of two wars, one on the Libyan border, the other in Syria, plus the myriad of vexing problems in commanding 500,000 men and administering vast territories.

Pays Tribute To Troops

Later General Wavell invited all the accredited war correspondents to G. H. Q. for a farewell conference in which he thanked them for their cooperation and paid a tribute to the troops he is leaving.

"We have suffered from a lack of equipment," he said, "but the troops here have made magnificent use of all the equipment and opportunities they have had. No one has ever been better served by his troops and commanders than I have been. Certainly no part of such failures we have had have been the fault of the troops."

The general said the Syrian campaign was "a slow, sticky business" in difficult country but was going satisfactorily with the prospect that resistance would be overcome before long.

"It has not been a pleasant business, fighting our former allies," he added.

He said he could now hope also that the defence of the Near East was satisfactory. He stressed that the Germans had shown no sign of returning after the big battle in mid-June. He said the British had lost a number of valuable tanks in that battle, but that the Germans also had been badly knocked about.

Though the Greek and Cretian campaigns were setbacks, he said, they served a valuable purpose by costing the Germans more time, men and materiel than they had expected.

"If the Germans, instead of going into Russia, had put their forces down here we would have had a pretty difficult time," he continued. "They thought they would get Crete with little difficulty and that the air troops they used there could be transferred to Syria and Iraq."

The respite given in the Near East by the assault on Russia gave the British Army a needed opportunity to rest, train and re-fit and gave the British and Free French forces in Syria a chance to occupy that country before the Germans could get back to this region, the general continued.

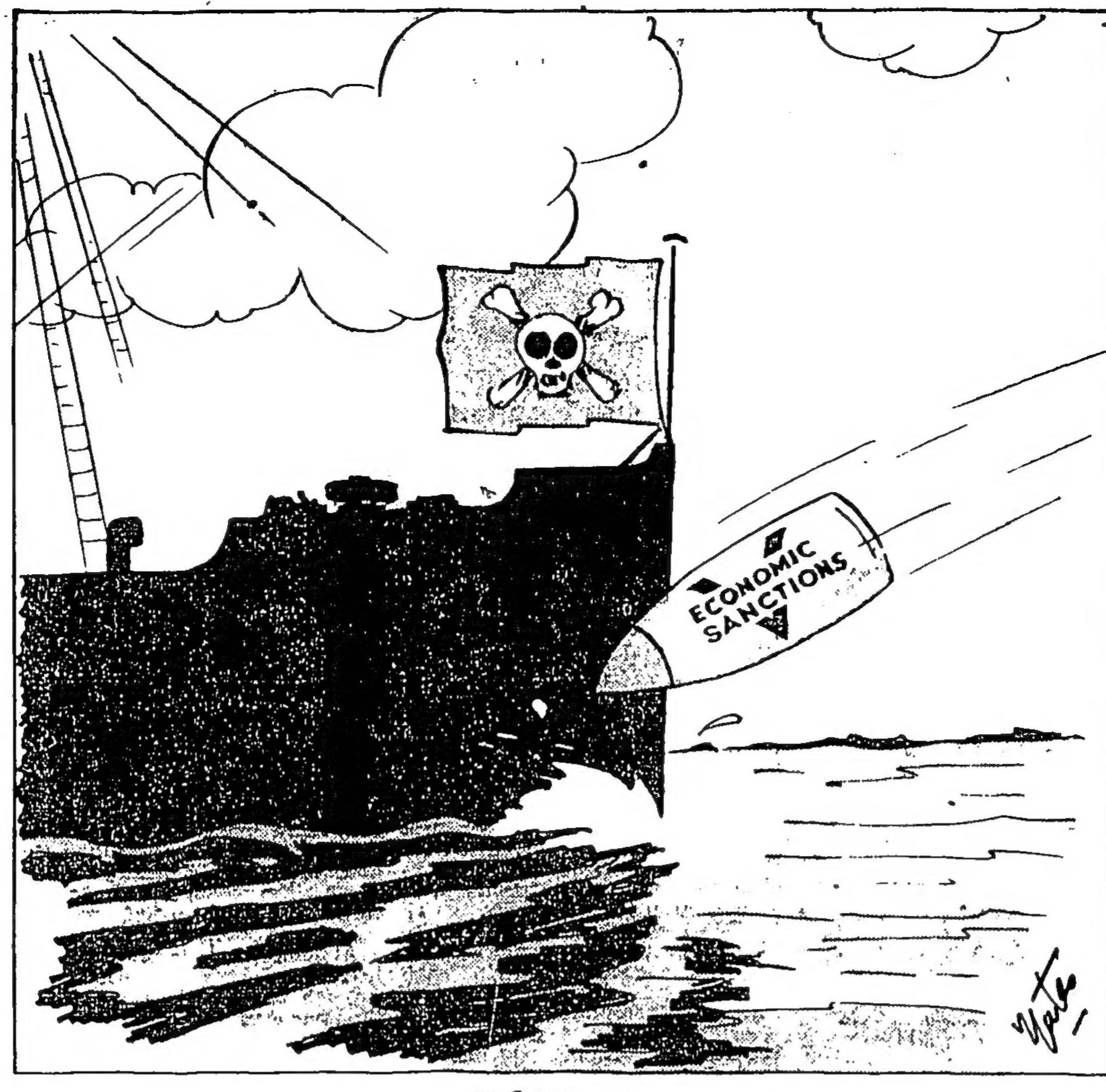
"The outcome of the German-Russian conflict cannot be gauged now nor can we tell how strong a resistance Russia will be able to present," he said. "Nor is it possible to tell where Hitler would go next if he succeeded in overrunning Russia, whether he would try to go east or come down here through Germany only in the terms of a or try an invasion of England."

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WISE DECISION

Mr. Churchill's statement on conscription in Northern Ireland will give great relief. Certain members from Northern Ireland criticised it on the ground that the Government seemed to yield to pressure from Eire. The truth is, of course, that the circumstances of Northern Ireland condemn the policy that those members desire. Mr. De Valera has said a great many foolish things at different times—but recently he said something that is profoundly true. No greater violence can be done to liberty and human rights than to force a man to fight for a country of which he is a subject by compulsion. That is the case of a great body of Nationalists in Northern Ireland. About the justice of the arrangement by which they are put in that position opinions may differ, but the fact that they are in that position cannot be disputed. They are cut off from the society to which they belong by every tie except that of law; religion, race, and history set them apart from the society in which they live. It may be that some day they will be reconciled; partition may be modified, adapted, or ended; the harsh discords left by history may be softened if a new generation learns to administer government in a different spirit; common danger and common suffering will have their influence. But at this moment the majority and minority are separated by forces too strong for effective unity. If a British Government were to put these Nationalists into British uniform by force it would be doing what the Germans and Austrians did with the Croats, the Poles, and the Czechs and what the Nazis will soon be doing with the people of Alsace-Lorraine. It would be applying to the only minority in its power what Mr. Churchill calls the Prussian boot.

The decision is welcome for several reasons, and not the least important in its effect on the position of the Prime Minister. During the appeasement years Mr. Churchill was the spokesman of British ideas of justice and fair play; then he had a small following, now he has the nation behind him. If the Government had decided the other way he would have abandoned that noble mission, put aside that splendid task. He would no doubt still have delighted and refreshed us with his oratory, but something would have gone out of his speeches. He would have been the spokesman of British resolution, but he would no longer have been the spokesman of British ideas. His moral power to-day and his reputation in history would both have suffered a heavy blow. National unity would have been broken. More than ever our danger demands all the moral resources that a nation possesses when its ideals are high, its spirit sincere, and its leaders men capable of eliciting all its strength and fire.



A Study In Wartime Contrasts

London, June 19. Contrast, startling and incongruous, is the theme of this story on "How Britain Looks To-day." For contrast characterises the life of the British people more and more as the war draws to the close of its second year.

That Britain to-day accepts the fantastically incongruous as the normal is convincing evidence of the ability of the folk of this country to endure and win this modern total war. But while these warring islanders are to be congratulated on the success with which they are fitting into the new Alice-in-Wonderland chapter in history, the trained observer here never ceases to marvel at the picture he strives to convey to those still outside the immediate war zone.

A two-penny bus ride used merely to separate St. James's Park from the city area of London. To-day that same two-pence separates two almost unbelievable contrasts. On one hand the peaceful panorama of flower beds in full summer glory—there may be a big bomb hole behind that Red May tree but it isn't visible from here—ducks gliding on a mirror-smooth lake, pelicans performing comic antics before an admiring passerby who can see the fun all the better since the iron railings have been removed to make shells. And on the other hand a city scene of indescribable devastation from the tragic results of the most wanton, wholesale smashing and burning of churches and historic buildings that the world has probably ever witnessed.

So it is through the length and breadth of the land, through all the different aspects of daily life, One rubs one's eyes and wonders how things as these make sense:

Food:

Such food queues as there are in Britain to-day are liable to be misleading. They do not, as a rule imply any shortage of essential foods. More likely they denote only temporary local shortages. Eggs have been a particular draw for queues. And now they are still more in the news since they are the latest addition to rationed food-stuffs.

It might seem hardly worth the great trouble involved for the sake of about one egg a person a week. But level distribution is the keynote of the Government food policy.

According to the present plan only the owner of 12 hens will be allowed to keep all his eggs; the owner of 13 or more will have to sell all the eggs to a retailer and apply for the meagre egg ration in the ordinary way.

However patriotic the owner of 20 laying hens may be he hardly relishes being a party to this new example of want amid plenty. Moreover, it is doubtful whether the public as a whole will get more than an infinitesimal benefit from the small poultry owner's sacrifices. More than likely there will be a widespread reduction of flocks to 12 hens.

This is but one instance of how the attempt to spread wartime sacrifices equally presents endless complications.

The continued absence of rationing in restaurants, designed to facilitate feeding for office and factory workers, means that one

could eat an unlimited number of meals in cafes while housewives struggle with increasing catering problems.

The price of food is rising gradually while the exhaustion of stocks of popular standbys, such as tinned goods, strains still further the ingenuity and shopping patience of the housewife. Fresh fruit has been virtually unobtainable throughout the winter and now that the home supply is coming along controlled prices are to be advanced due to the widespread frost damage. Jam ration of half a pound a month a person is a considerable problem for a household with children. This ration is to be increased to one pound, thereby somewhat easing the problem.

On the brighter side, however, bread, potatoes, and vegetables are plentiful and rations of butter and fats, meat, bacon, and sugar are generally considered adequate to prevent undernourishment. Milk supplies though recently restricted are sufficient at present, but there is anxiety over the winter output.

Evidence suggests that while Britain has experienced vexations and some privations through the food shortage neither health nor efficiency has yet suffered on the whole.

Clothes:

A plaintive note on the clothes rationing situation was given to me by a farm labourer friend this morning. "Looks like they expect us to wear through a pair of trousers each harvest time," said George. To which I replied, "And I'll probably be reduced to wear-

ing my cutaway and high hat up to the office."

Actually it is too early yet to assess the effects of the recently introduced clothes ration under which each person is allowed 66 coupons annually. But one can guess it is going to be highly fashionable to be shabby when one considers that a man's 66 coupons would provide one suit for 26 coupons; one pair of shoes for 7 coupons; 6 pairs socks for 18 coupons; 12 handkerchiefs for 6 coupons; one pair of pyjamas for 8 coupons; one pair of gloves for 2 coupons—but we are one over the 66 already and we have not any underwear, ties, raincoat, overcoat, or bathing trunks.

Materials that are not made up and knitting wool are also rationed but at present one can still buy curtains and chair covers provided they are made up in the shops. Already there is a brisk demand for German and faulty British parachutes on sale here. These are not yet rationed and for about 45 shillings each provide a large expanse of the finest pale blue or white silk suitable for men's pyjamas, children's dresses, and women's underwear.

An interesting reflection on the topsy turvy wartime economy is that the Germans in Paris are reported to be buying up French silk lingerie for making parachutes which, when they fall into British hands are being transformed back into clothes for the English.

Certain types of workers are having special allowances for working clothes. There are many anomalies to be cleared up and the price restriction is to be fixed on certain essential articles, like footwear, to curb inevitable price rises.

Amusements:

And talking of cycling brings us to the question of amusements.

Cycling always was one of the chief recreations of young town-workers but now it has greatly increased in popularity.

Gay cycling parties streaming out of cities at week-ends provide a typical example of how a large section of the British public manages temporarily to disregard the war and its problems. These young persons, many of whom work long hours in armament factories and are exposed to the danger of air raids every night, have not forgotten how to enjoy themselves. They are convinced, moreover, that the seven-day working week would not be in the national interest.

These young people lead "flat out" lives which help them to sleep through Nazi blitzes—an achievement which it is reported here amazes the Germans. Cer-

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COOL HEROISM OF BRITISH IN TOBRUK

THE TALE OF A CITY or fortress whose garrison has been cut off from its own armies and surrounded by superior enemy forces invariably appeals to men's imaginations. In many of the great wars of history there has been at least one such island of heroism. In the present war it has fallen to the lot of Tobruk to occupy that distinguished position.

The attack on this North African town already has lasted eleven weeks, and in those weeks there has been played a drama of human endurance, determination, courage and cool, skillful fighting which ranks with the great feats of military history.

Now, at the end of that period, there appears to be less likelihood of the city's fall than there was during the first weeks, when the detainees still were being strengthened and reinforcements were being rushed to the place.

The Germans tried to take Tobruk with their usual tactics. They dive-bombed and shelled it intensively. Then they attacked with tanks, followed by infantry. But this time the tactics were unsuccessful. Tobruk did not fall. The Germans skirted this island of British resistance and passed on toward Sollum, where the front became established. It was before Tobruk that the Germans were halted first, and the resistance at Tobruk made easier the definite halting of the Axis advance on Sollum.

Cannot Be Taken

Since those days early in April the Germans have made many more determined efforts to reduce the fortress of Tobruk. With the failure of each successive attempt the British position has been made more secure until now most authorities here are confident that Tobruk cannot be taken as long as the British keep the bases from which supplies can be sent.

It was the Italians, not the British, who first planned a determined resistance in the desert sands and rocks around Tobruk. They erected a string of concrete posts in a great thirty-mile-long arc stretching from the coast west of the city to another point on the coast east of the city.

When the Australians made their attack at the end of January their rapid thrust quickly pierced the Italian defences and within a few days they were in complete possession of the city.

Since the break-through did not destroy the main part of the Italian defences, it was possible to use them, after they had been modified and strengthened, as a basis for the defence of Tobruk against the Germans.

Daily Raids

On the whole, the front to-day runs close to the line of original Italian posts, though in one place a small salient was wiped out when the Germans succeeded in making a local advance. But this does not alter Tobruk's defensive strength.

History has known many instances of cities which fell not because they were taken by force of arms but because they were completely isolated and were out of supplies—particularly food. This will not be Tobruk's fate because it has a window on the sea and the British Navy is still able to guarantee that supplies and reinforcements will reach the beleaguered garrison.

The supplies which arrive included only the most necessary items, but they continue to arrive regularly despite the worst efforts the Luftwaffe can exert.

Actually the town has had relatively greater respite from bombings in recent days than in the first days of the siege. But there is never a day without a few small raids, which are generally carried out by one or two planes flying at extreme altitude. There was a time, however, when the Tobruk garrison was used to having between fifteen and seventy-five planes in the sky at once and to having the raids repeated throughout the day and night.

No Civilians

Before the war started Tobruk must have been a very attractive town, with its modern white houses overlooking the bay. Now it isn't a town any more. In the

HE DIDN'T SAY WHY

How Goebbels' propaganda machine twists the truth was seen by the following broadcast by the German radio:

"What the true conditions in Britain are can best be illustrated by a report in the American Press that a box of onions was sold in London at a price of several thousand dollars."

The announcer omitted to add that these onions were auctioned during London's War Weapons Week.

DETECTOR FOR BOMB RESCUES

A sound-detector to help in rescuing people trapped as a result of bombing has been invented by two members of Stoke Newington A.R.P. stretcher party service.

It consists of a microphone and loud-speaker combined, which can be lowered through a small hole to trapped persons.

They are then able to talk with their rescuers.

The apparatus has been demonstrated before members of the Civil Defence Committee and the Group Co-ordinating Officer.

The inventors are Mr. L. C. Wells, deputy officer in charge, and Mr. G. Carpenter, a stretcher-bearer.

meant two things—increased American aid in their fight and the end of the days when they had to rely on anti-aircraft fire for defence against air attacks.

HOME GUARDS VS. CHUTE TROOPS

THE KING for the first time watched British parachute troops in action when they took part in a replica of the German landings on Crete.

Five thousand officers and men of the Home Guard, drawn from every district in the neighbourhood, also saw the exercises, and learned valuable pointers about how to deal with air-borne invaders.

Standing with a group of Army and Air Force officers, the King watched through field glasses three big Whitley bombers flying slowly at 500ft.

Suddenly figures began to tumble out of the planes, and in a few seconds the sky had blossomed with mushrooms as the parachutes opened.

So skilfully did the parachutists manipulate their gear that it was less than three and a half minutes after they had landed that they captured their position on the airfield.

Defence Adequate

Earlier an American contingent of the Home Guard had taken part in another exercise.

In spite of every manoeuvre of the parachutists, who captured civilian transport, the defenders did so well that a senior officer said afterwards: "It has proved that our defences are adequate against any daylight attempts."

The attackers had one success when four of them gained entrance to the defending H.Q. by marching in Guards' uniforms.

Though, to make it easier for the defence, they wore wrong arm badges, they were unrecognized, and immobilized a number of the defenders' cars.

Before they were discovered the four "spies" flung messages to a colleague over the barracks wall and gave the password to the enemy.

MAJOR ACCUSED OF SHUTTING EYE TO THEFTS

"I CLOSE AN EYE to any little petty offence of purloining articles," an officer commanding escort troops in a ship transporting internees was alleged to have told his men.

The officer, Major William Patrick Scott, of the Pioneer Corps, on the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, was in the transport Dunera, taking 2,600 German and Italian internees to Australia last autumn. He appeared before a general court-martial at the Duke of York's headquarters and pleaded not guilty to a charge alleging that he improperly told the troops:

"I am only too aware that were we in the position of our guests (meaning the internees) after being searched we would be lucky if we had our belly buttons left

"So therefore I close an eye to any little petty offence of purloining articles. I am an old soldier, and I know that the British Tommy looks on a time like this as an opportunity to help himself to any unattended trifles."

"When I inspected your company the other morning, I could not help seeing little articles which I am sure did not come aboard with you, but it has reached my ears that a certain number of people have started to loot cases."

"This must immediately cease, but I'm damned if I'm going to punish any man unless this really ought to be," or words to that effect.

The second charge was that, having reason to suppose an interned alien had been treated with violence or neglect, he failed to ensure proper inquiry.

Colonel's Denials

Major Norman Parkes, prosecuting, said that Major Scott held the rank of acting Lieutenant-colonel when he commanded the escort.

Captain Scott denied that he admonished four men.

Referring to the parade where a shorthand note of his speech was taken, Colonel Scott said he had no idea till he was back in England that the speech had been taken. The idea of calling the parade was to warn the escort that if they followed the example of the Lascars they would get into serious trouble.

Colonel Scott also denied that he said: "I close an eye to any little petty offence of purloining articles."

He admitted saying: "I know the British Tommy looks on a time like this as an opportunity to help himself to any unattended trifles," but he meant this as a deterrent for them not to follow the example of the Lascars.

R.A.F. BEAT NEW NAZI

Germany's latest Messerschmitt fighter (the 109 F) was brought to battle for the first time and beaten by HURRICANES, despite numerical odds of 6 to 2 in its favour.

These new Messerschmitts, built for high-ceiling work (35,000ft.) and claimed to have a speed of 380 m.p.h., were caught at a height to the Hurricanes' liking—16,000ft.

Two Hurricanes met six Me. 109's head-on and went for them. There was a thrilling dog-fight.

It was touch-and-go all the time, not because of any German superiority in tactics or quality of machines, but because our boys were outnumbered.

But it ended with two of the Germans thoroughly shot up—one with his hood cover shot off and full of bullet holes. So the Germans turned and hurried home. Earlier in the day two Me. 110's were shot down over Britain without loss to us.

TANK HERO'S 2ND WOUND

MAJOR WILLIAM ROBERT REEVES, D.S.O., WHO, THOUGH WOUNDED, FOUGHT A BRILLIANT TANK ACTION AGAINST THE GERMANS IN FRANCE LAST MAY AND WAS DESCRIBED AS "THE MAN WHO PROBABLY SAVED THE B.E.F." HAS AGAIN BEEN WOUNDED.

His name appears in a War Office casualty list.

He won the D.S.O. for leading his tanks right through the Germans besieging a town. With his own tank he destroyed seven armoured vehicles and held a bridge at Gravellines, saving the B.E.F. in a critical position.

8,200 U.S. MEN FIGHTING

At least 8,200 Americans are in the Canadian fighting forces. This number does not include American men in the Canadian Navy, which refuses to divulge figures.

—Associated Press.

ESCAPE FROM GREECE IN FISHING BOAT

(From A Special Correspondent)

STORIES OF adventurous escapes from Greece are legion in Cairo. None I have heard is more remarkable than that of an acting British Consul, a middle-aged, sandy-complexioned Scot, who served under Lawrence in numerous desert raids in the last war.

"I had made a hobby of sailing round the Peloponnesus in peace-time," he said to me, "and had become familiar with the innumerable beaches and coves where one could lay up a small boat."

"I had a nice little 25-ton Diesel engine fishing-boat, and I determined to gather together as many British subjects as I could."

Start At Dawn

"At dawn on Tuesday, April 22, we slipped out of the cove near Patras where the boat had been lying up, having taken on board the remaining British subjects in Patras—three men and three women.

"We got early through the boom at Cape Araxas, and laid up at the little island of Oxa.

"It was my plan to spend each day hiding in coves providing good cover, and sailing only by night, since with the German bombers increasing in numbers and flying over continuously by day I had no hope of escaping their attentions except in the dark.

"On Tuesday night we ran from Oxa to Zante. Throughout Wednesday German bombers flew over the island, and in default of fighter opposition came "down very low."

"We hid in the woods wondering how long it would be before they spotted us. Nevertheless, we picnicked quite pleasantly—I had laid in plenty of tinned food—and in the evening stole down for a bath.

12-Hour Run

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NORTH

♦ Q 6
♥ K 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ A Q J 10 9 4

WEST EAST

♦ A 10 4 2
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♦ 10 8 6 2
♣ 8 6 3 ♦ 6 2

SOUTH

♦ K 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1♦ Pass 2♦ 2♦
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 5♦ Pass
5♦ Pass Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds, dummy winning with the Ace. South then made the key play by leading a diamond from the dummy and ruffing it in his own hand.

The reason for this play will soon become apparent. South next led a low trump, dummy playing the Queen, and East winning with the Ace. East returned a heart, and South won with the Ace. The lead of the King of spades then showed the sad truth: East had the rest of the trumps and would win a trump trick unless South found some way to take a trump finesse without the aid of a trump lead from the dummy.

But it was precisely for that reason that South had ruffed a diamond at the second trick. And now he led a low club to dummy's nine and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond. At this point South had reduced his trump holding to the Jack and nine, while East had the ten and four of trumps. The stage was set for the coup.

Declarer led the club King, overtaking with dummy's Ace. Then the clubs were led one after another. If East chose to ruff, South could over-ruff, draw the last trump, and get back to dummy with the heart King to continue with the clubs. And if East chose not to ruff, South would simply discard hearts until finally East and South had nothing but trumps left to play. And then dummy could lead any card to act as a means of finessing trumps.

* * *
Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner, with both sides vulnerable, you held:♦ A Q 10 8 2
♥ K J 9 4
♦ 7
♣ A 10 5

The bidding:

Koh Schenken Burnstone Moller
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
2♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have more than a minimum opening bid so game is not entirely out of the question. Furthermore, your distribution is unsuited to no-trump.

Score 100% for two hearts, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 780

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Koh Schenken Burnstone Moller
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
2♦ Pass 2♦ Pass
(7)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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A STUDY IN WARTIME CONTRASTS

(Continued from Page 7)

tainty the breakfast table question is increasingly becoming "Was there a raid last night?"

Sports:

Continuing—but for the benefit of recreation rather than for the box office—sports have been bereft of publicity and giant audiences. Yet sport is an integral part of Britain's wartime resolve to keep fit.

Many people are too busy, however, digging gardens or attending to their civilian defence duties so that golf courses are relatively deserted, covered with anti-parachute obstacles, or used as camps. A great many different types of sports clubs are in a state of suspended animation. Nevertheless, it is the instinct in this country to play games and few air raid wardens posts are without dart boards to while away the time on raid free nights.

Village cricket, affected by the absence of players in the fighting forces, nevertheless carries on even though a bomb hole on the village green may necessitate shifting the location of the pitch.

Theatre:

The fortunes of the theatres and the movies tend to fluctuate in marked contrast with the length of daylight hours and the extent of enemy bombings. The dark winter evenings and the "blitz" of last September virtually put the London theatre world out of business for a considerable while.

But despite the fact that many famous theatres have been destroyed, such as Drury Lane, the Palace, and the Shaftesbury, the theatrical business has made remarkable recovery lately, helped by two extra hours of daylight under the wartime scheme.

To-day 16 theatres are open in London. A notable event was the launching last week of a wartime Gilbert and Sullivan season at the Savoy Theatre, home of the famous Savoyards, at which they have not played since 1933.

Open air concerts and plays are being given for the next two months in London and other "blitzed" towns for the benefit of those who spend their nights in air raid shelters.

Stratford-on-Avon is staging its usual summer Shakespeare festival this year. A brisk business is reported, but a notable difference compared with peacetime is the much regretted absence of the usual large and enthusiastic gathering of American Shakespeare admirers.

The setbacks suffered by the London theatre have enhanced the importance of the provincial theatre. Productions in general are on a more economical scale.

Cinema:

The movie business in London and some provincial towns has been hit by the evacuation of inhabitants. Many cinemas also have been destroyed. On the other hand the movies in areas to which the population has gravitated have packed houses now that it is daylight until 11 p.m. and audiences are home before the black-out and raids.

British film production fell to a low ebb but now is accelerating. American production here is increasing, partly because it is a way of utilising American credits frozen in Britain.

The most striking contrast in the book world is to wander through the charred ruins of Paternoster Row, the fountain of Britain's book trade in the heart of the City of London, and to compare the desolate scene with the busy libraries and bookshops, especially secondhand books stores, encountered all over Britain.

The Paternoster Row conflagration, in which countless new and priceless old volumes and many unpublished manuscripts were destroyed, was a tragedy for the book trade which the reading public has not yet fully felt. In the meantime the popularity of reading has greatly increased.

Gasoline:

The gasoline situation presents many contrasts. In the towns one would say there was not much of a shortage. Buses, private cars, motor coaches, and taxis throng the streets. But out in the highways and the byways, road traffic is sparse save for army cars and trucks.

A basic petrol ration is allowed every car owner according to the

horsepower rating of his car. It is ten gallons a month for a car of the size most popular in the United States. A supplementary ration is allowed for work of national importance.

There has been a good deal of illegal obtaining and transferring of gasoline which led to the recent tightening up of regulations and a general cut of 20 per cent. in supplementary allowances.

Civilian motorists have been charging the Army with needless extravagance and some of these charges have been proved. For instance the case was cited in the press recently of a heavy Army truck driving 40 miles to deliver a small key to a civilian who is herself now obliged by the petrol rationing to bicycle five miles to the shops even in the pouring rain. When the recipient of the key expressed surprise at such personal attention the sergeant driver charmingly expostulated, "No trouble at all."

Many private cars have been laid up for the duration but there have been protests also about the number of automobiles still seen at horse and dog race meetings. Undoubtedly there could be further restrictions in gas without any serious interference with the essential life of the Nation.

In the meantime many former motorists have taken up cycling again.

Law Courts:

An instance of the far-reaching changes which may occur in Britain's social and traditional life before the war ends is the question of the abolition of wigs for judges and lawyers in law courts now being discussed here.

While there might be some loss of extraneous dignity, this measure would be in sympathy with the popular mood toward eradicating the artificial side of British ritualism.

The law profession bravely carries on its work despite the serious shortage in staffs due to military service and despite the blows of the Nazi bombers which have severely damaged the famous Old Bailey and reduced to rubble many of the beautiful residential quarters occupied by lawyers off Fleet Street.

It is contrast everywhere one goes. My own wartime hermit-like social home life was transformed for a week lately into a whirl of unprecedented gaiety. The excuse was the local war weapons week. Now we are back on our own small holding, making up that lost week.

BAN ON RESERVED MEN

Reserved workers cannot now join the Regular Army. Changes in reserved occupations and protected work include a provision that volunteers for service on a normal engagement in the regular armed forces, public police forces or public fire brigades will not be accepted if they are reserved. The existing provision is cancelled.

New classes of protected establishments are:

Stone, slate and chalk mining and quarrying including lime and whiting production; slag disposal from blast furnaces.

New Reservations: Boiler fitter's or moulder's labourer and coppersmith's labourer reserved at 35; at stage B they will remain reserved at 35 if they are employed on protected work, but will not be reserved if they are employed on unprotected work.

These entries do not involve the release of men now in the Forces or who have received enlistment notices.

DOG BITES

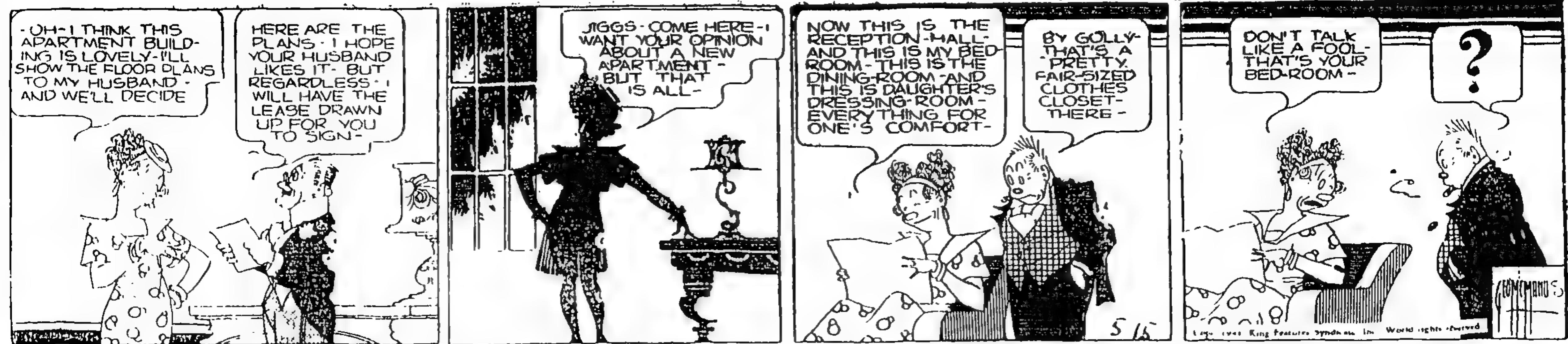
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Protection From Sun's Heat

If you permit your skin to tan or bronze without the aid of a lotion or cream, you will discover at the end of the summer that it has toughened in texture considerably, and discoloured also.

The only sensible way of taking the sunshine is to prepare for taking the sunshine. You have been preached this before but perhaps you have not heeded it.

Had you been accustomed to the sun every day for the past six or eight months, or if your occupation kept you out of doors all year around, you still could not bask in the sunshine for hours without skin protection unless you cared little about your beauty and comfort.

Hardened old tars who are cast adrift in life boats on the sea for days with no protection, discover that their faces not only peel from the salt of the sea and the glare of the sun, but ever festers in huge sores. It is not uncommon to find sailors of years service, anointing themselves with protective oils for creams daily. So how foolish for us to attempt taking the sun for even an hour or two with bodies that have been treated as hot-house orchids!

It is Not Sissy

Carrying your bottle of sun lotion down to the sea is not sissy. And wise is the girl who insists that her beau do likewise as men's skin can be even more tender than woman's.

What you take in your beach bag, for skin protection, depends entirely on your type of skin and how much sun tan you desire.

There are preparations to prevent tanning altogether which keep your skin quite fair even under the sun's rays. There are other preparations which invite a tan very quickly giving you a rich bronze shade in four or five sun baths. Tender, or very young skins, can find a lotion which will permit a gradual change of skin colour. There are greasy and nongreasy formulas, daintily bottled concoctions and others in the most medicinal looking bottles. With this wide choice there is little excuse for sunburn, sun fever or any other sun discomfort.

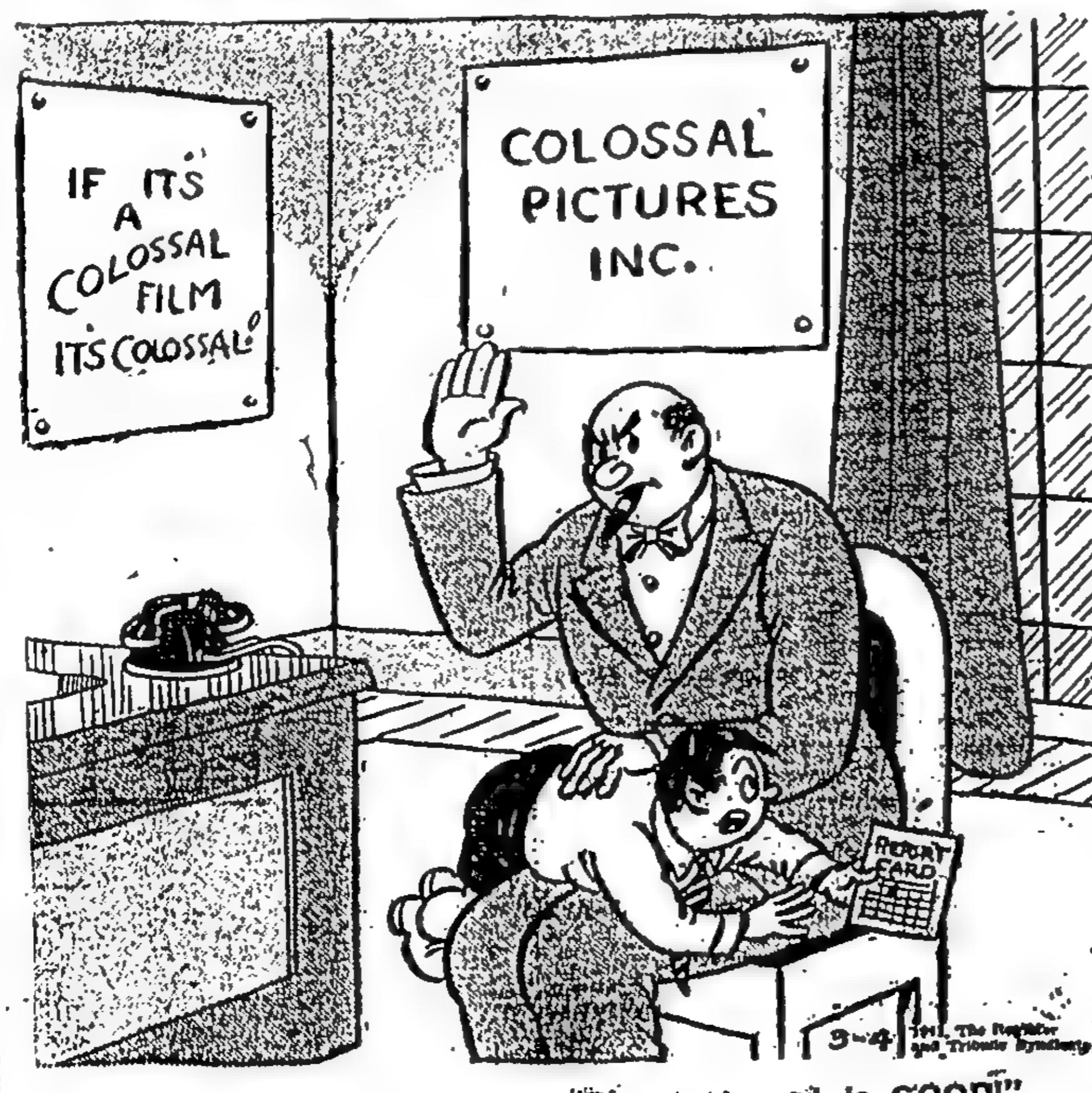


FUN IN THE SUN If the lotion you use prevents uncomfortable burns. This handsome fellow favours a non-oily brew, originally developed in Sweden to prevent snowburn. It works on the beach too!

But you must bear in mind that thoroughly anointed. Then cover a single application of any sun yourself with a robe or towel. preparation will not serve for an You get the best of the sun all-day exposure. Frequent applications while you are sunning do the burning and let through the rays that do the tanning— are necessary for thorough protection. In fact until your skin is seasoned from gradual exposure and that is what a good sun lotion must do for you. Buy one and it is best to take the sun no longer use it to keep your beauty intact than a couple of hours after being and your poise untouched!

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Dieting Dot says a good appetite may be a good builder upper but it's certainly no aid in bumping off excess pounds.

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By George MacManus

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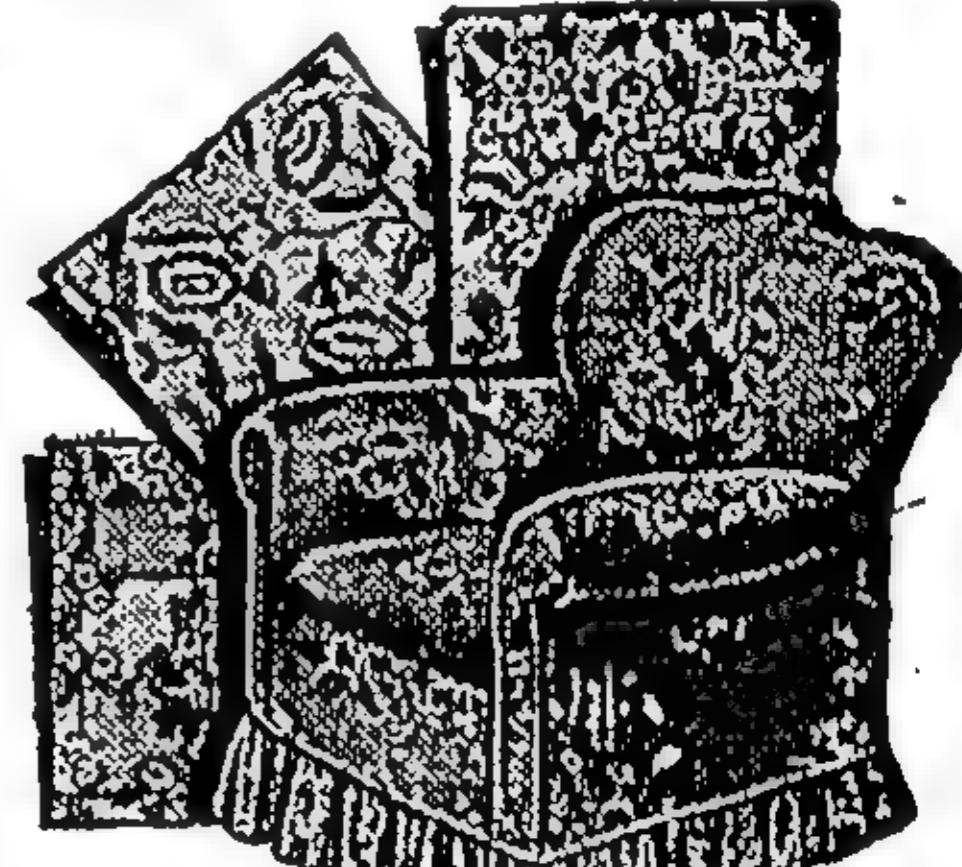
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
Trial By Jury—Oh, Never, Never... Leo Sheffield, W. Lawrence, George Baker... Chorus; May It Please You... A. Hosking, G. Baker, W. Lawson; That She Is Reeling... L. Sheffield, W. Lawson, Arthur Hosking & Chorus; Oh, Gentlemen, Listen D. Oldham & Chorus of Girls; That Seems a Reasonable Proposition... Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking & Chorus.
"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—Night Has Spread Her Pall Once More (Sullivan) Dorothy Gill & Chorus
"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson, Nellie Brercliffe, When A Wooper Goes A Wooing W. Lawson, N. Brercliffe, D. Oldham & G. Baker, Rapture! Rapture! D. Gill and Peter Dawson
"Ruddigore" Welcome Gentry For Your Entry Mixed Chorus, O. Why Am I Moody and Sad? Sydney Granville & Mixed Chorus, You Understand? Derek Oldham & Sydney Granville, Hail The Bride of Seventeen Summers Mixed Chorus

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary
1.02 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme.
Nicolette (Van Phillips) Van Phillips & His All-Star Orchestra
Majarska, Chinese Legend (Schubert) Eugen Wolf & his Orchestra
Fairies In The Moon—Intermezzo Entr'acte (Ewing), An Hour With You (Eisele) Joseph Muscat & the Troxy Broadcasting Orchestra
Bavarian Tales (Richardz), Peasant Polka (Mohr) Fritz Domina & his Orchestra
Gossamer (Stan Bowshed), Dainty Debutante (Scott Wood) George Scott Wood (Piano) & his Salon Orchestra
3.30 p.m.—Ruter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
4.45 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, and The Street Singer.
Safe In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Gilbert—Connelly); When You Come To The End Of A Journey—Fox-Trot (Box-Cox); The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
The Breeze and I (Lecuna Stillman) Say It (from film "Duck Benny Rides Again"—McHugh, Loesser)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accompaniment
Roses Are Blooming in Loveland-Waltz; You Made Me Care—Waltz (Gilbert)... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.
Old Sailor (Godfrey, Kennedy)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accompaniment
The Old Tin Helmet—Fox-Trot (Connor); Wings Over The Navy—Fox-Trot (from film "Wings Over The Navy") The Organ, The Dance Band and Me with Quartet
2.15 p.m.—Close down

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations
6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—I Gotta See A Dream About A Girl, A Cathedral In Rio Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye
Quick-Step In The Middle Of A Dream—Waltz—Love Never Grows Old... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra
Novelty Fox-Trot If A Grey-Haired Lady, Show Fox-Trot—Ridin' Home Jack Hilton & his Orchestra
Tango—Misterio! Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro
Fox-Trots: You're Dangerous, You Lucky People You (both from film "Road To Zanzibar") Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra
7.17 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Sea Shanties—Intro: What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor; Shenandoah Blow The Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo-Balay; Billy Boy... Geraldo & his Accordeon Band and Male Chorus
We're All Bound To Go (Verses from "The Shanty Book")... Raymond Newell & Chorus with Piano
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme
8.00 p.m.—London—The News
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary
8.25 p.m.—London—Listening Post
Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary
8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Lehar
Count Of Luxembourg Waltz... Marek Weber & his Orchestra

"The Blue Mazurka"—Vocal Gems—Intro: The Blue Mazurka; When She Is Yours At Last; Love's The Richest Price; I'm A Shy Young Chap; Shine, Bright Moon... Light Opera Company with Orchestra
"Gipsy Love"—Selection... De Groot and his Orchestra

The Merry Widow—I Love You So... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.
"Frasquita"—Serenade... Emil Roosz and his Orchestra

"The Land of Smiles"—You Are My Heart's Delight... Albert Sandler and his Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

9.02 p.m.—Variety Programme
Vocal—Slumming On Park Avenue (from film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses... Alice Faye with C. Feuer Orchestra

Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert, arr. Berle)—Intro: Unfinished Symphony—Just A Little Rain
Duet: The Flower; March, Act I; The Golden Song; You Is My Heart; Four Jolly Brothers; Serenade; Ballet: Finale... Harry David-

Vocal—There's A New World (from "Okay For Sound"—Kennedy-Carr); Sing Me A Swing Song (Carmichael-Adams)... Ike Hatch with Orchestra

Piano—Lambeth Walk after Chocolat, Liezi (arr. Rayston); Lambeth Walk after Verdi, Beethoven, Mozart

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NEW PUSH STEPPING
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Deep shelters for another 90,000 people are being built in London.

In the provinces too, deep shelter schemes have been approved.

This is part of the Government's new policy of better air raid protection for the people of Britain. The policy was outlined last November by the Minister of Home Security—but he added the warning that a deep shelter scheme to accommodate the whole population, or most of it, was beyond the bounds of practical possibility.

Plan for London's extra-deep shelters was revealed in the report on the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

It stated that eighteen of the twenty shafts for the additional shelters had been started. It is hoped to complete the scheme by next winter.

The report recommended that no further Tube shelter should be provided beyond that already authorised.

Such shelter should be restricted to mothers and children, the aged, and people working long hours on work of high national importance.

Specially skilled men—some of them were miners—are needed for the tunnelling work.

Tension and rumours of a German incursion into Spain have prevailed recently throughout the Western Mediterranean.

Although they are mainly due to one of the recurring states of semi-panic, they are becoming ever more frequent and bear more and more relation to reality.

The Spanish situation has become worse in every way.

The food position is steadily deteriorating, although it becomes better temporarily and in patches. We may be assured that little or none of the food or money to buy it which is allowed in Spain ever gets to the poor civilian population. Most of the food goes to the army.

The rich can buy what they want, and one of the gravest social symptoms is the cleavage of sympathy between rich and poor.

The main preoccupation of the majority of the population is obtaining something to eat. It is not uncommon to see men and women die in the streets. Banana-skins and onion peelings are luxuries for many Spaniards.

Hundreds of thousands of Republicans are still in prison, where the mortality rate is high.

Although reports of epidemics, especially typhus and typhoid, are possibly somewhat exaggerated, it is undeniable that disease is increasing. The exhausted state of the population makes for a rapid extension of disease.

Disease Increasing

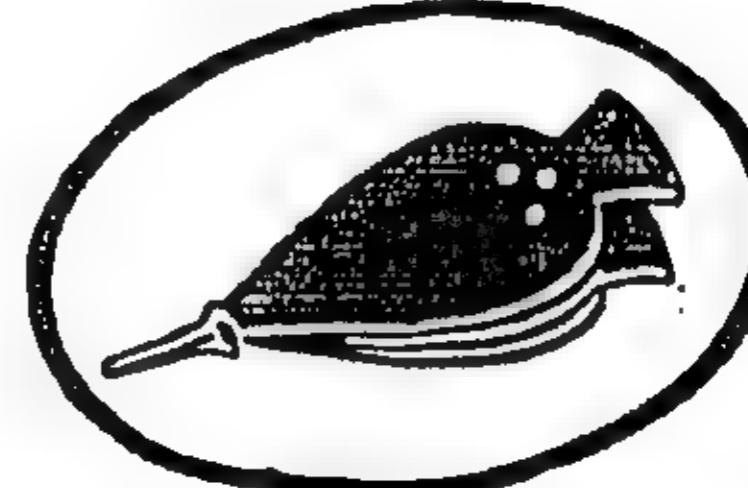
Already there has been much evacuation from the large towns to the country and the south, but in Spain's present condition epidemics are impossible to circumscribe.

In assessing the probabilities and date of German action it is necessary to bear in mind the menace to the regime presented by starvation epidemics and administrative inefficiency that are bringing the Government machine to a standstill.

The Germans already control many essential levers in Madrid and the Ministry of the Interior is practically a branch of the Gestapo.

In Africa the Germans are expected soon to transfer to Tangier their main centre of activities and propaganda for Morocco.

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HONOURS PRINCE OF PALS

In the officers' mess of an R.A.F. bomber station, Prince, 12, a faithful sheep dog, sits for hours waiting for his master.

Each time the door opens he looks up hoping to see his master but he will never see him again, for he was killed in action.

Dogs are not allowed in R.A.F. officers' messes, but officers at this station in Lincolnshire were so touched by Prince's devotion that they applied to have him made an honorary member of their mess. The commanding officer gave permission.

Can't Invite Friends

The mess suggestions book had these entries:

"On behalf of the mess an officer wrote to the Commanding Officer: It is suggested that Prince be made an honorary member of the mess." The Commanding Officer replied, "I agree. Subject to it being clearly understood by both the mess and by the hon. member elected that no precedent is being established and that the new member is not entitled to introduce friends."

"This ruling will be subject to revision if the health or the manners of the new member renders such course necessary."

ALONE A YEAR, BRITAIN CUTS ODDS IN WAR

A YEAR AGO on June 22, Great Britain found herself alone in a struggle to the death against the combined might of Germany and Italy. Her position was desperate.

To-day her situation has greatly improved. During the last year she has fought a "great delaying action" which has given her ample time to mobilise itself. While even the most optimistic realise the gravity of the present situation and the dangers that lie ahead, the year's achievements have resulted in a prospect of victory which lights the gloom a prospect which a year ago could find no realistic basis.

At that time the British Army had no heavy equipment—all it had had to be abandoned in the evacuation from France. The vastly superior German air force poised to deliver the knockout blow prior to an invasion of these islands, lay just across the Channel—a Channel which found all Holland and Belgium occupied, as well as France, by the enemy.

From the north coast of Spain to Narvik the ports were in the hands of the Nazis, threatening the sea communications vital to England's life and continued military effort at home and abroad. Even the Mediterranean, one of the most important lines of Imperial communications was threatened by an Italian fleet aided and abetted by two large

armies ready to converge in attacks on the Suez Canal.

Essentials Of Position Preserved

Despite the overwhelming dangers of the present and the complaints of those who are "sick of defeat after defeat" authoritative quarters here emphasised that a year of fighting has reinforced the empire's chances of victory.

Britain has preserved the essentials of her position—single handed against the heaviest odds. She has defeated and destroyed two great Italian armies—hand-picked and equipped in the most modern style—commanded by soldiers of repute. She has weakened, if not eliminated the striking power of two navies. She has won the "battle of Britain" in the year, and she maintained her position in the "battle of the Atlantic."

There have, of course, been defeats, but the withdrawals from Greece and Crete were not complete defeats. Because of these actions Hitler was unable to assist Rashid Ali Al Gallani's abortive attempt to hold Iraq for the enemy. Without the successful

conclusion of the Iraq revolt the Syria penetration vital as it was to control of the eastern Mediterranean, could not have been undertaken at all.

The only retreat which yielded no advantage was that from Benghazi, but that was the risk with which the intervention in Greece was taken.

Wavell Won Despite Odds

In Africa Wavell was left alone after the fall of France to hold the Near East. He was at a disadvantage numerically and materially so complete that it was almost a miracle that he was able to defeat both Graziani and the Duke of Aosta. Beginning with less than a tenth of the force against him and a twentieth of the number of guns, he destroyed both armies, causing 400,000 casualties with relatively slight loss to his own troops, who were fighting against almost insuperable obstacles.

The Ethiopian frontier stretched for 4,500 miles. Liaison between the British columns had to be maintained by plane. The bush could be penetrated only by tanks. Water had to be carried for miles. Yet, against these odds Wavell has emerged victorious.

On the home front Britain has trained and equipped a home guard of more than 1,500,000 men ready to fight to the death against any air or sea-borne invasion. Civilians have suffered the worst of the Luftwaffe to date—and their morale remains unbroken.

Won "Battle Of Britain"

She won the "Battle of Britain" last autumn, and the Royal Air Force has now taken the initiative, carrying the offensive to Germany with ceaseless and devastating attacks against German industries, bases and communications.

The never-ending struggle to keep Britain's communications open is a part of the same battle. Otherwise these islands would have become a beleaguered garrison which must have capitulated in time.

The "Battle of the Atlantic" has been more successful than might have been expected. Britain has lost shipping and valuable cargoes heavily, but her standard of living remains high, and the war effort has not been gravely affected—witness the reinforcements and supplies sent to the Middle East.

On the offensive side Britain has made her blockade of the enemy so effective that there exists a shortage of essential commodities, principally wheats, fats, oil and several minerals, which must be built up if Germany is to fight out the long war which Hitler now has admitted lies ahead. Whatever the meaning of the present German concentration on the Russian frontier, it reflects Nazi Germany's need of vital supplies.

Axis attempts to break the blockade have led to British naval victories, such as the sinking of the Bismarck, the immobilising of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen, and the brilliant engagements against the Italian fleet at Taranto and Cape Matapan.

It is small wonder that Britain holds no brief for a "negotiated peace."

HOOD WAS GOING TO U.S. REPORT

A report that H.M.S. Hood was on the way to Boston, U.S., for repairs when she was sunk in the fight with the Bismarck was published in a Boston newspaper.

A U.S. Navy spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report. "We would not know till a day or two before a British vessel was due to arrive for such repairs," he said.

The report stated that the Hood had been damaged in the Mediterranean.

ARMY CHAPLAIN KILLED

The Rev. R. T. Podmore, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, is reported killed in War. Office Casualty List No. 170, containing 246 names of officers, N.C.O.s and men.

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SIGNALS CHECKED AT LAST

Signals maintained their unbeaten record in Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo tournament when they were held to a four-all draw by Middlesex "A" in the Army Pool yesterday.

The game in the first half was evenly contested and four goals were shared. In the second half Signals scored two goals in succession, but Jennings reduced the lead with a good back-hand snap goal and before the final whistle Ute equalised with a long lob.

As the result of this game Y.M.C.A. are now the strongest challengers to the Signals' supremacy and the meeting of these two teams is eagerly awaited.

Following are the results of the games played yesterday:

Royal Scots "A"	Royal Scots "B"	Army Militia and Hunter Morris
1 Royal Scots "A"	1 Royal Scots "B"	2
1 Royal Scots "B"	1 Royal Scots "A"	2
Middlesex "A"	Middlesex "B"	1
Holdford	Navy "C"	3
Humph 2 and Wilson	Humph 2 and Wilson	16 27
Signals	Middlesex "A"	4
Duncan McLean and Allen (2)	Burdett Jennings (2)	4
Burdett Jennings (2)	Ute	1

Table To Date

	Goals						
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Signals	16	15	0	1	92	11	30
Y.M.C.A.	16	11	2	0	82	18	29
Middlesex "A"	15	13	1	1	81	16	27
R. Navy "A"	15	10	4	1	56	33	21
R. Scots "A"	15	10	6	0	49	52	20
Combined Small	16	8	7	1	43	53	17
Units	16	8	7	1	43	53	17
R. Navy "C"	15	7	6	2	40	40	16
5th. Regt. R.A.	10	5	6	2	38	30	12
Middlesex "B"	14	4	9	1	28	32	9
5th. A.A. Regt.	15	0	14	1	15	68	1
R.A.	14	3	9	2	31	45	8
965th. Bty. R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
38th. Bty. R.A.	14	1	12	1	16	67	7
R. Scots "B"	15	0	14	1	15	68	1

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme AT ARMY POOL

Middlesex "C" v 8th R.A.

Royal Scots "B" v 38th R.A.

Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"

Signals v Middlesex "B"

CHANCE
FOR LADY
RIDERS

A feature of English sporting papers is the number of girls now advertising for positions with horses, also the number wanted for that class of work. Where men are required for stables, there is generally the proviso of "not eligible for military service."

With so many jockeys joining up, the services of girls capable of riding work are likely to be in strong demand. Two or three years ago there was quite an agitation for races for women riders to be put on at recognised meetings in England, and that may yet come about.

BAHRAM'S U.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE CANCELLED

UNBEATEN BAHRAM, WHO WAS BOUGHT LAST YEAR BY AN AMERICAN SYNDICATE OF FOUR FROM THE AGA KHAN FOR A REPORTED PRICE OF BETWEEN G\$180,000 AND G\$185,000 DID NOT DO AS WELL PHYSICALLY AS COULD BE WISHED AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

In consequence all subscriptions to him for this year were cancelled. He was to have had 40 mares, of which 29 were owned by members of the syndicate.

All going well, he will have his first American season next year. Bahram, whose wins included the Two Thousand, Derby and St. Leger, had his first stud season in England in 1936 and his winners of last year included Turkhan, Irish Derby and Yorkshire St. Leger.

Small Fortune

NOT only can an owner get a small fortune from prize money for some races in America, but trainers of winners are treated with marked liberality. At the Suffolk Downs (Boston) meeting of 60 days which started in May

ended this month, the trainer of the winner of the Massachusetts Handicap, of G\$50,000, received G\$2,000 from the association, trainers of three other winners of big races G\$1,000 each, two other races G\$750 each, and of eight others G\$500 each. Altogether trainers' awards from the association totalled G\$10,500.

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta at St. Catherine's, Ontario, on Sunday revealed that Ted Dubois, of Winnipeg, is the likely successor to Joe Burk, the world's premier sculler. Dubois won the single sculls, beating Joe Augyal, of Brooklyn, America after a stern race over a mile and 550 yards in 8:10. Dubois beat Augyal in the recent American championship and last year was second to Burk for both the American and Canadian titles. Buffalo West Side had more successes on the last day of the regatta and won the team honours for the second successive year. Reuter

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R. K. Collings, above, was the best player on view in the Final of the Happy Valley First Summer Foursomes last Sunday. Collings and T. B. Low beat A. L. Powell and W. J. Buller 3 and 2.

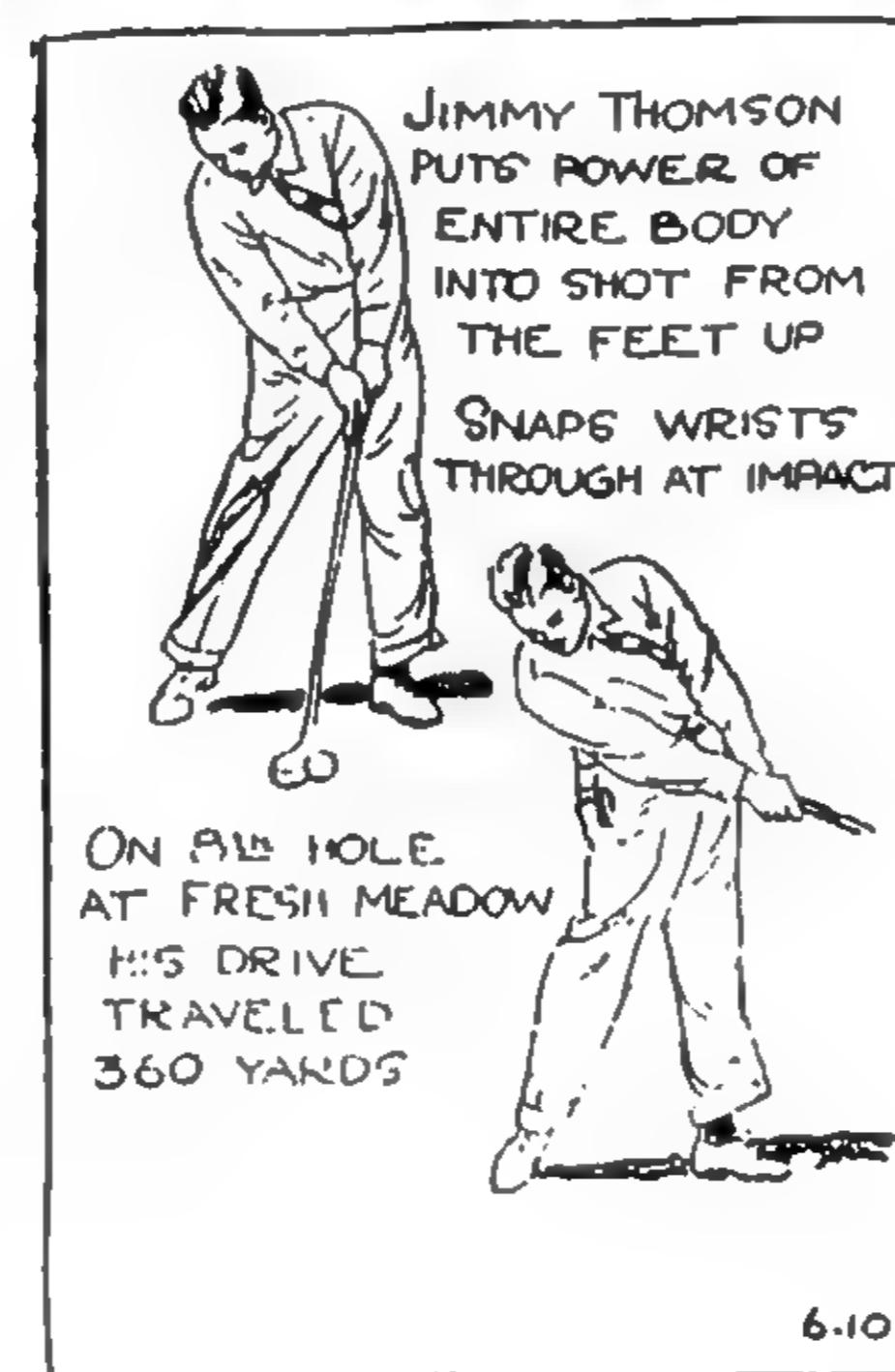
Easier Golf

LONG DRIVER

By Best Ball

While Jimmy Thomson finished last in the recent Goodall Round-Robin tournament, his power off the tee proved as much a magnet for the crowds as ever. On the 437 yd eighth hole, he powdered the apple 360 yds straight down the middle of the fairway, his longest drive of the year. Thomson modestly admits a breeze helped him gain this yardage, nevertheless the ball had to be hit perfectly. Not all of his shots are, for Jimmy occasionally has a tendency to hook and when this happens one can be assured that it is a real hook.

Thomson makes full use of his powerful physique on his drives, hitting as he puts it "from the soles of his feet up" and enlisting hips, back, shoulders and arms in the process. One of his big assets is a pair of lively wrists enabling him to snap the club-head through at impact. Co-



operating together these factors give great club-head velocity. Apparently the club-head acceleration begins to fall off shortly before impact in all golfers' strokes but Thomson's powerful, pliable wrists reduce this slowing down to a minimum.

Next Article:—What Practice Can Do.

Army Cricketer & Ruggerite Killed

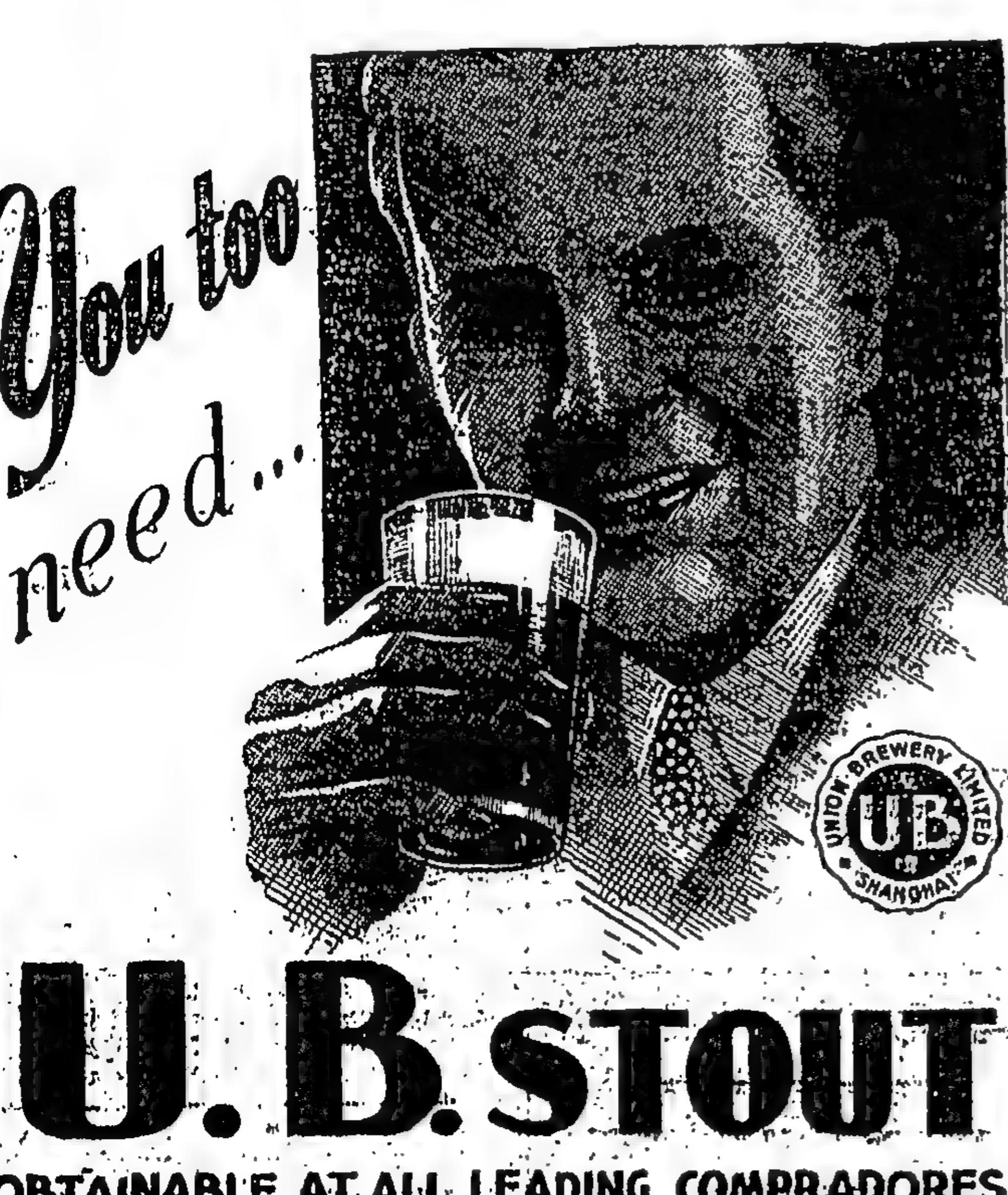
Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, 100, Hady Crescent, Hady Hill, Chesterfield, have been notified that their only son, Staff-Sergt. Leo H. Smith (27), Royal Corps of Signals, who was posted missing on June 4, 1940, has died in France, presumably killed in action.

Sergt. Smith was educated at Chesterfield Grammar School and joined Royal Corps of Signals eight years ago. He was a keen athlete and held the light heavyweight championship of the Northern Command before proceeding to China, where he spent four years as confidential clerk to the G.O.C. China Command.

Whilst in China he represented the Army in Rugger and Cricket.

On returning to England he immediately went to France at the outbreak of war. He was about to take a commission. His father served 4½ years in the I.M.C. being in the Gallipoli campaign and also in France. He was unmarried, and before joining the Forces worked for the Electricity Department of Chesterfield Corporation.

Trials will be held at V.R.C. on evenings of 8 p.m. to select the combined Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. team to meet Combined Chinese in the charity swimming gala on Saturday, August 10.



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ORACLE TO BE SHOT

2nd In Austral Derby



Followers of racing will be sorry to learn that it has been found necessary to destroy Oracle, 1941 Australian pony (griffin) belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, whose pony Oolong won the Derby at the last Annual Meeting.

In an interview with the "China Mail," Mr. Li said that it was discovered after the Annual Meeting that Oracle had a stiff colic bone. It was thought, however, that this would yield to treatment and this theory was, to all appearances, borne out by the fact that Oracle won the Oakleigh Plate, last race on the programme at the First Extra Meeting, when it covered the Mile in 1:44, the full times for that distance being 24 3/5; 50 1/5; 1:17 2/5 and 1:44.

Oracle made its first appearance on the local track in the Austral Valley Stakes on the First Day of the Annual Meeting, when it ran unplaced. The next day, however, it somewhat upset calculations by being second to Distant View (Mr. Pih) in the Austral Derby, paying \$19.50 for a place bet. These two, however, were the only successes recorded by a pony which showed every promise of developing into one of the best representatives of the Li stable. It won \$2,500 in all in stakes money.

Wins On Three Legs

"ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT REALISE IT AT THE TIME, ORACLE ACTUALLY WON THE OAKLEIGH PLATE ON THREE LEGS," SAID MR. LI, WHO ADDED THAT HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER FOR A VERY GAME PONY.

"Mr. Needn, who took Oracle out on each occasion that it started, claims that Oracle is the best pony he had ridden," Mr. Li added. "Major Hogg and Major Simpson have done all they can for the pony, but I am afraid we will have to destroy it now. Such a sad end to a promising career," he said.

Mr. Li said that Oracle, together with his other ponies, was sent out to Fanling for summer grazing, but one day, about a month ago, Oracle collapsed and could not get up again. The pony was taken back to the stables, where everything was done for it, but to no avail.

Speaking about Oolong, his crack pony, and Confusion Bay, Mr. Li said that they were both in very good shape, adding that Oolong would be sent out in the St. Leger, which Mr. Li was, not unnaturally, anxious to win.

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CHUNG HWA SCORE 6-3 WIN OVER SOUTH CHINA IN WEEK-END BALL TILT

By "Grandstand"

ONLY ONE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME WAS PLAYED OFF DURING THE WEEK-END, WHEN CHUNG HWA MAROONS EKED OUT A NARROW TRIUMPH OVER SOUTH CHINA ON SATURDAY, BEFORE A HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS (WHICH COULD ONLY BY COURTESY BE CALLED A CROWD), THE SLIGHT DOWNPOUR ON SUNDAY MORNING RENDERING RAILWAY CORNER UNSUITABLE FOR PLAY, CAUSING THE MINDANAO—ROYAL ENGINEERS TILT TO BE POSTPONED.

BASEBALL LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

Following are the latest baseball batting averages of .300 or over:

	Games	Pct.
Kwan, W. T. (S.C.)	3	.573
Mascavage, T. (Min.)	6	.500
Abbas, R. A. (H.B.)	5	.467
Arculli, O. (H.B.)	5	.467
Ali, H. (H.B.)	4	.429
Leis (Ash.)	2	.417
Waggoner, C. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Hoel, G. (Min.)	6	.417
Melthen, F. J. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Alves, T. (H.B.)	5	.417
Fahey, B. (R.E.)	7	.417
Rhodes (Ash.)	3	.417
Wilson, L. V. (Min.)	6	.417
Schaeffer, J. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Brown, J. (H.B.)	4	.417
Ratcliffe (R.E.)	6	.417
Edgar, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Fox, F. (R.E.)	6	.417
Chan, M. (C. Hwa)	5	.417
Cratty, D. (H.K.B.C.)	3	.417
Crummy (Ash.)	1	.417
Langford, C. (Ash.)	2	.417
Goff, D. (Ash.)	1	.417
Gosmino, G. (H.B.)	3	.417
Shum (C. Hwa)	5	.417
Pawlowski, L. (Min.)	6	.417
Lo, K. (C. Hwa)	4	.417
Mey, E. (S.C.)	7	.417
Bowersox (Min.)	6	.417
Leonard, D. (H.B.)	5	.417
Leung, F. C. (C. Hwa)	4	.417
Strahl, R. (Min.)	5	.417
Chung, R. (C. Hwa)	2	.417
Moore (Min.)	6	.417
Lau, A. (C. Hwa)	6	.417
Pau, M. P. (S.C.)	2	.417
Leight, L. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417
Sawyer, C. (Ash.)	2	.417
Watkins (Ash.)	2	.417
Souza, G. (H.B.)	5	.417
Arculli, M. (H.B.)	5	.417
Higgins, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Sarsfield, M. (R.E.)	6	.417
Chung, W. (C. Hwa)	3	.417
Hussein, J. (H.B.)	4	.417
Gronerick (Min.)	4	.417
Ma, Nelson (S.C.)	7	.417
Lo, D. (S.C.)	6	.417
Winglee, H. (S.C.)	7	.417
DiGiacomo (Ash.)	2	.417
Walter (H.K.B.C.)	4	.417
Welford, J. (R.E.)	7	.417
Winglee, C. (S.C.)	7	.417
Fittinghoff, D. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.417
Taylor (R.E.)	7	.417
Hamlin, L. (H.K.B.C.)	4	.417
Lawrence, B. C. (H.K.B.C.)	3	.417
Chinn, H. (S.C.)	4	.417
Chang, B. (C. Hwa)	7	.417
Shaw, M. (R.E.)	7	.417
Johnson, B. (H.K.B.C.)	5	.417
Loong, T. H. (C. Hwa)	6	.417
Ng, C. W. (S.C.)	7	.417
Lau, P. I. (S.C.)	5	.417
Woo, W. (C. Hwa)	5	.417
Kennard (Min.)	5	.417
Cork (R.E.)	5	.417
Choy, P. F. (C. Hwa)	6	.417
Leonard, S. (H.B.)	4	.417
Wong, C. W. (S.C.)	6	.417
Oliver, G. (H.K.B.C.)	7	.417
Gray, B. (R.E.)	6	.417
Ho, B. K. (C. Hwa)	5	.417
Harper (R.E.)	4	.417
Jones (R.E.)	3	.417
Chan, Y. T. (C. Hwa)	3	.417
Brood (Ash.)	2	.417
Haight (Ash.)	2	.417
Bakan (H.B.)	1	.417
Fitch, P. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417
Gough (R.E.)	1	.417
Governale (Ash.)	1	.417
Kramer (Ash.)	1	.417
Lim, V. (S.C.)	1	.417
Morey (Ash.)	1	.417
Morris, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417
Pang, S. K. (S.C.)	1	.417
Scorri, M. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417
Smith, W. A. (H.K.B.C.)	2	.417
Vaughan (Ash.)	1	.417
Walker, D. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417
Wells (R.E.)	1	.417
Wong, I. C. (S.C.)	1	.417
Wong, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.417

DID YOU KNOW?

On June 28, 1921, the Athletics defeated Troy in a National Association (later National League) game, 40 to 33. It took 4h. 30m.

Ring History Against Conn

Ever since David took a pot-shot at Goliath, who was the heavyweight champion in his time, the little fellows down through the ages have been rearing up and challenging the behemoths to "c'mon out and fight," writes an American boxing reporter.

THEY "CASHED IN"

When a day's racing was called off at Santa Anita recently owing to a stable-hands' strike, admission money was refunded. And that was where the deadheads scored. In refunding admission, parking and race card fees, the club paid out between \$2,500 and \$3,000 more than it received from the 20,000 who were at the meet.

Only one man has since made the foolhardy step, and that was John Henry Lewis. In January, 1939, John Henry met his close pal, Joe Louis. The friendship was suspended for exactly 2 minutes and 59 seconds, after which period John was carried back to his corner by Pal Joey and the friendship resumed.

Billy Conn had a stab at what no other light-heavyweight has accomplished since Tommy Burns turned the trick 35 years ago. Precedent was against him. Though Billy lost to Joe Louis, he won't be the last fighter in his class to take a shot at the top man.

There's something about the loser's end of a heavyweight championship that salves a lot of wounds.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB HAVE NEARLY 200 MEMBERS

An increase in membership by 62, making almost 200 in all, as against the original 20 members when the club was founded six years ago, was reported at the annual meeting of Equine Sports Club last Sunday.

During the year \$2,320.50 was donated to the War Fund, and the Club purchased a plot of land at Tung Lo Wan, just beneath the Indian Farm, where it is hoped to erect a new club house in the near future.

Following are the new officials: President, Mr. T. J. Hemsley; Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Leitch; Secretary, Mr. E. G. Collings. Committee, Messrs. A. Bone, R. Buchanan, C. T. Chan, J. C. Gill, F. W. Grinter, H. P. Lim and L. Visser.

Noel Hammond, former Shanghai Interport swimmer and holder of the 100 Yards free-style record of the Northern port, has returned to Hong Kong from Australia, where he spent a short holiday leave.

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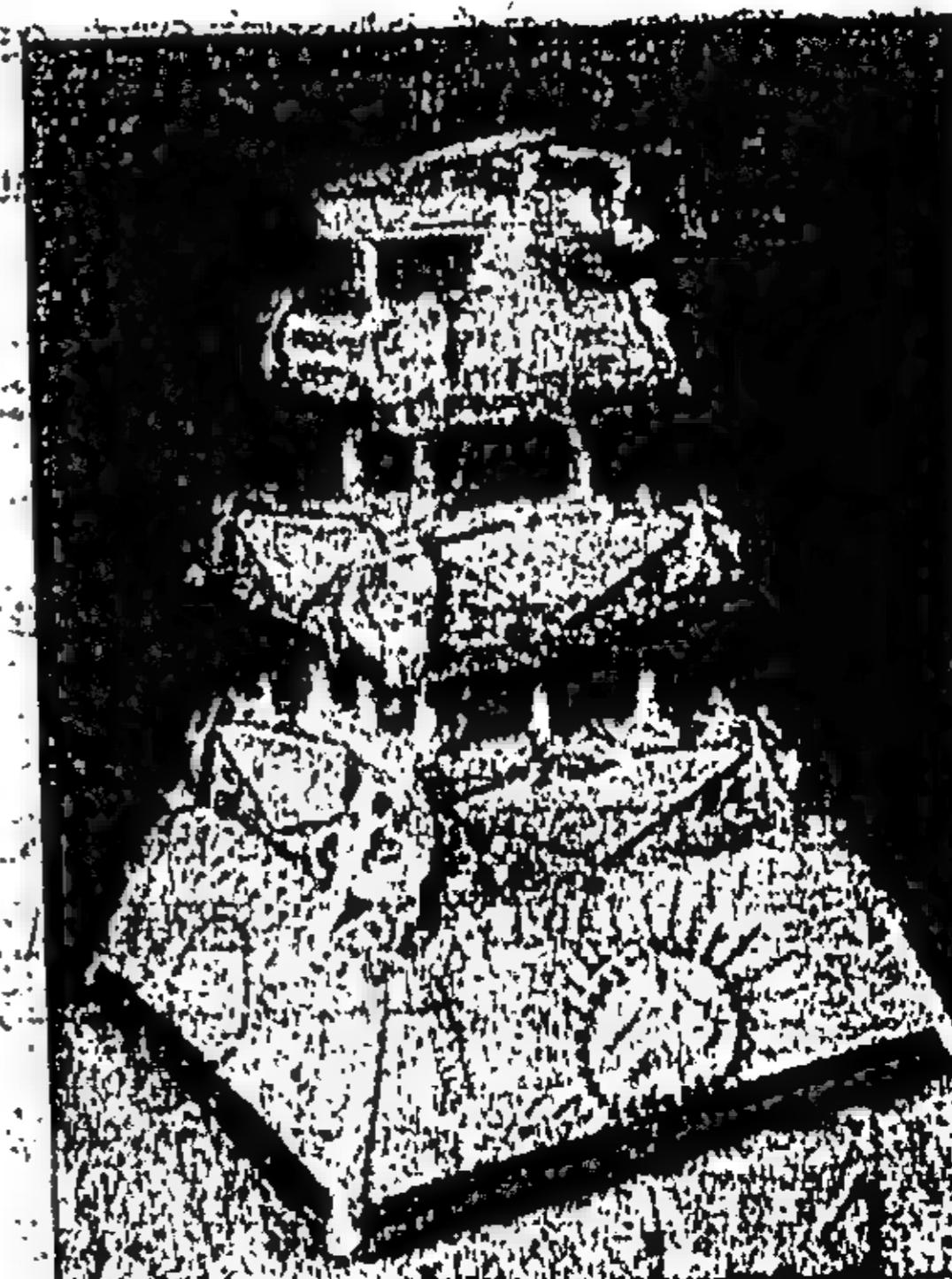
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Black Cats were originally slated to meet V.R.C. who, however, could not field a team owing to Volunteer duties.

NAZIS BOG DOWN

War Becomes Stationary In Smolensk Sector

SECOND NAZI NOTE TO LA PAZ

The expulsion of the German Minister in Lapaz, Herr Wendler, has led to a second Note being addressed by the German Government to the Bolivian Government.

Referring to the document published by the Bolivian Military Attaché in Berlin, Major Delmonte, to Herr Wendler, the German Note describes it as "at first sight nothing more than a clumsy forgery."

The Note goes on to point out that Herr Wendler immediately telegraphed to Berlin stating that he had never received such a letter and had never entered into any kind of communication with Major Delmonte. It adds that Major Delmonte declared to the German Foreign Office that he had never sent such a letter to the German Minister nor ever sent him any letter or received one from him.

Sharply Protest

The German Note concludes: "Major Delmonte has expressed a wish to make his declaration in public.

In the face of this, the German Government must declare that the Bolivian Government, at the instigation of a third party, and without an attempt at explaining the facts, have lent themselves to a procedure against diplomatic representa-

German Thrust For Leningrad Stopped

INDICATIONS THAT THE RUSSO-GERMAN CAMPAIGN HAS DEVELOPED INTO POSITIONAL WARFARE, THE GERMANS BEING UNABLE TO MAINTAIN BLITZKRIEG TACTICS, ARE CONTAINED IN NEUTRAL DESPATCHES.

"Undoubtedly the war has become stationary in the critical central sector of the eastern front (round Smolensk) where the fighting has been very hard," declared the Berlin correspondent of the "Berlin Nachrichten."

Reports from the front, adds the correspondent, frequently mention that the German infantry have been obliged to dig themselves in and entrench in order to facilitate defence against Russian counter-attacks.

German propaganda has been forced to turn a backward somersault since the German Army communiqué of July 7 reporting that the Russians had thrown into the battle their last reserves, and it is now being alleged that the Russians had received further reinforcements from the Urals

tives of the Reich of a kind unparalleled in international relations.

"The German Government once more sharply protest against this." —Reuter.

The "Explanation"

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" explains the hold-up of the German offensive by saying: "A big battle is proceeding against the very strong Russian Army in order to enable the German Army to continue the war of movement."

A fortnight ago, the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reported that Berlin was expecting the fall of Kiev within a few hours.

Soviet Communiqué

A Soviet communiqué issued yesterday says: "Our troops continue fighting in the directions of Smolensk and Zhitomir. The enemy offensive is breaking against the strong and stubborn fighting of our troops who in certain places are energetically counter-attacking and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. There are no important battles elsewhere."

"In other directions and sectors of the front, there is nothing of importance. Our air forces are cooperating with the land troops operating against large enemy formations of aircraft and aerodromes."

"A total of 100 German planes were shot down on July 26, when our losses were 36. The Baltic coastal defences sank a torpedo boat and two patrol boats. We lost one torpedo boat." —Reuter.

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Business Circles Shocked By Export Ban Report

CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

It was officially confirmed in London last night that the Chinese Government has requested the British Government to freeze Chinese assets in Britain and in the British Empire.

The measures will be put into effect shortly.

The reason for the Chinese Government's desire is that the Japanese are in control of certain parts of China and consequently assets of those territories.

If the Chinese assets were to remain unfrozen it would give the Japanese a loop-hole to continue trade with Britain. A similar request was made by the Chinese Government to the Government of the United States who have already taken the necessary steps.

As From To-day

It was further officially announced in London that at the request of the Chinese Government

JAPAN WANTS PEACE

The Japanese Consul in Manila stated to the Press yesterday that Japan wants peace unless she is provoked beyond human endurance.

The Japanese will not fight, he added, and continued that there was no sense in fighting because the winner will lose in the end.—Reuter.

and in order to assist China's financial position, Treasury directions have been issued blocking sterling balances and other assets of persons resident in China.

The directions come into operation as from the opening of business to-day.

General authority is given for any payment in the sterling area authorised on behalf of the Chinese Government as well as payments necessary for fulfilment of certain outstanding transactions.—Reuter.

Fears Leave Morale Unshaken

THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST HAS OUSTED THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR FROM THE MAIN HEADLINES IN ALL SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

The citizens of Shanghai were dazed all day long yesterday as wild rumours succeeded each other in rapid succession and the Chinese dollar fluctuated violently.

There is, however, not the slightest questioning among Britons and allied nationals of the parallel action by the United States and the British Empire against Japan, despite the fears that it may end all Shanghai's non-Japanese trade for the duration.

The feeling among Shanghai's Britons and allied nationals is summed up in an article by a well-known British journalist and commentator who writes: "Retaliation having at last been instituted, it will be the hope of all Britons and Americans that it will be pursued to the utmost limit, notwithstanding the probability that it may result in temporary suffering and inconvenience in centres where the Japanese Army holds sway.

"It is now the eleventh hour and nothing is to be gained by tampering with this retaliation in order to avoid offending Japanese susceptibilities.

"The sooner its full effect makes itself felt upon Japan, the more likelihood there is of earlier appreciation by the Japanese of the disastrous consequences of their Army's policies."

Nanking Comment

The most noteworthy comment by newspapers supporting the Japanese puppet regime in Nanking appeared to-day in the "Kuo Min Tuan Wen" which says that Japan can only adopt economic reprisals against the British and American action in freezing Japanese assets and that war is still far off.

THE NEWSPAPER SUGGESTS THAT JAPAN MAY RETALIATE BY CONFISCATING BRITISH AND AMERICAN ASSETS IN OCCUPIED CHINA, WHICH ARE ESTIMATED AT ABOUT £500,000,000.

Trade Rumours

Among many rumours in Shanghai which cannot be confirmed was one stating that the Japanese controlled customs have imposed restrictions on certain categories of exports from Shanghai.

These were listed as metals, machinery, cotton piece-goods, cotton yarns, chemicals and provisions.

If the rumour is true, it means that the only future buyers of such articles will be the Japanese and the only payment that will be made will be in Japanese military yen.

According to local banking and commercial circles, a Japanese ban on non-Japanese goods from Shanghai, if not yet introduced, is almost inevitable.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DISEMBARKATION COMMENCES

THE DISEMBARKATION of Japanese forces in southern Indo-China has begun at Nhatrang, just north of Camranh Bay.

The aerodromes to be utilised by the Japanese in addition to Saigon are in the Siem-reap area, at Nhatrang in Tourane, in the middle of the Annam coastline, in Bienhoa near Saigon, in Soctrang at the mouth of the Mekong River, in Komongtom near the Great Lake Cambodia and in Phnompenh, capital of Cambodia.

Japanese troops began disembarking in Southern Indo-China yesterday. It is officially announced in Hanoi.

The Japanese are being permitted to use eight aerodromes under the agreement, including Saigon and Siem-reap, near Angkor, on the new Thai border.

The strength of the troops landing is not disclosed.

Main Bodies To-day

THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN SAIGON STATED

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TOKYO TO GO SLOW

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent says that with the freezing action by the N.E.I., Japan now faces complete isolation economically, except in Japanese dominated areas of the Asiatic Continent.

It is expected in Tokyo that this situation will be borne silently for the present, but an explosion will be imminent as soon as the adverse effects are noticeable.

Meanwhile, the present tendency will be to be as lenient as possible, according to the policy followed by others.—Reuter.

A CLEAR DAY

No enemy air action took place over the British Isles yesterday.—British Wireless.

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FLOPPING OF NAZI OFFENSIVE

Political Strategy Misfires On All Fronts

Attempt To Force Japan And Spain Into The War

ANGLO-DUTCH CONFERENCE IN LONDON

The Far Eastern situation was discussed in London yesterday between Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Van Kleffens, the Netherlands' Foreign Minister. — Reuter.

RISE IN PRICES IN EUROPE

THE MOST STRIKING RISES IN RETAIL PRICES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR HAVE OCCURRED IN CLOTHING, ACCORDING TO THE JULY STATISTICAL BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. SAYS A BERNE DESPATCH TO VICHY YESTERDAY.

In Germany, the despatch adds, where the general cost of living index has only risen six per cent between the first six months of 1939 and May, 1941, the increase for clothing was 17 per cent.

In the United Kingdom and in Denmark, there was an increase of 72 per cent., in Finland and Norway, 59 per cent. and in Yugoslavia 103 per cent. — Reuter.

AXIS HARD HIT

GENERAL PEARSON ALLEN, COLUMNIST OF THE "NEW YORK MIRROR," IN AN ARTICLE, COMMENTS:

"The doubled-barrelled dose of economic warfare, the freezing of Axis orders and the black-list have played real havoc with Axis operations in South America. Confidential Government cables report that as a result of these measures 25,000 Axis nationals have been uprooted wholesale from thriving enterprises and have become refugees, getting a dose of the bitter medicine which Germany has meted out to millions of European victims. — Reuter.

N.Z. ARMY RESIGNATION

THE RESIGNATION OF SIR ANDREW RUSSELL FROM THE INSPECTOR-GENERALSHIP OF THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, AT WELLINGTON, BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR. NASH.

He said that Sir Andrew reached the decision in consequence of the appointment of Sir Guy Williams as Military Adviser, and also for health reasons.

Mr. Nash paid a tribute to the work of the retiring official whom the Government had re-appointed to the War Council. — Reuter.

FURTHER LIGHT HAS NOW BEEN SHED ON WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE A GREAT OFFENSIVE IN POLITICAL WARFARE, TIMED BY GERMAN STRATEGY TO COINCIDE WITH THE MILITARY ATTACK ON RUSSIA, WRITES THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER."

The broadside military attack on Russia on June 22 was calculated at once to force Japan and Spain, and then Turkey, into war against the British Empire.

The lever which was to be used in the case of Japan and Spain was the revived Communist bogey, and in the case of Turkey the renewed demonstration of Axis invincibility.

On July 1, therefore, Germany and Italy gave de jure recognition to the Nanking puppet government of Wang Ching-wei. The German newspapers of July 2 and the Italian newspapers of the same day all elaborately explained in almost identical words that "Germany's and Italy's recognition is the consequence of the crusade against Communism."

At the same time, Wang Ching-wei was received by the Emperor of Japan.

Immediate Aim

Germany's immediate objective was to force Russia into a two-front war by producing a Japanese attack across the Manchurian frontier. But Japan's forces had been withdrawn from that region, not because of the non-aggression pact concluded with Russia on Hitler's suggestion when his other tactics dictated it, but because Japan was afraid of a Russian air attack on Tokyo.

After Five Weeks

SPAIN WAS SAVED FROM STARVATION ONLY BY THE BRITISH RELAXATIONS OF THE BLOCKADE IN HER FAVOUR AND BY DIRECT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP. THAT HELP IS NOW BEING SUSPENDED PENDING SPAIN'S DECISION.

After five weeks, therefore, of the new German offensive combining the military attack on Russia with a subtle thrust in political warfare designed to range Japan, Spain and Turkey against Britain, the result is failure to crush Russia, failure to use the political lever quickly or in the way calculated upon Japan and Spain, failure to impress Turkey with German invincibility, and success in galvanising half the world against Germany.

The campaign is not over, but the first German plan, at any rate, seems to have miscarried. — Reuter.

PHILIPPINE PLEDGES

PRESIDENT QUEZON YESTERDAY TELEGRAPHED COLONEL STIMSON VOICING GRATIFICATION AT THE APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MacARTHUR, AND REPEATING THE PLEDGE OF LOYALTY AND COOPERATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

It is significant to note that the Socialist communities of Pampanga, known in the Philippines as the "Red Belt," in a joint statement, pledged loyalty to the United States, and their readiness to fight under the leadership of Lieutenant-General MacArthur against all foes of democracy. — Reuter.

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MALAYA INDIAN'S DENIAL

An emphatic denial that the Central Indian Association of Malaya had anything to do with subversive activities, as was implied in a recent statement by Mr. Hall, Colonial Office spokesman in Parliament, was made in Madras yesterday by Mr. N. Raghavan, President of the Association.

The President added that Mr. Hall's statement was the result of representations by interested persons who did not like the existence of the Association and he affirmed that they were never party to any subversive agitation at all. — Reuter.

IRAN MISSION

It was announced in Simla yesterday that the Raj has decided to depute Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ismail, Indian Trade Commissioner at Mombasa, to go to Iran on a short exploratory trade mission. — Reuter.

SPIRITED AWAY

Somebody stole a couple of bottles of whisky from the saloon bar of the George IV Hotel, Croydon.



A picture symbolical of London's spirit. Londoners making their way past debris-strewn pavements by bus, car and cycle, on their way to work as usual in the morning after a night raid.

MODERNISATION OF "THE ROCK" NEARLY COMPLETE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent In Gibraltar)

IMPROVEMENTS in the fortifications of Gibraltar have been considerably pushed ahead in the last few weeks and the training of personnel is proceeding with great energy.

This is particularly necessary as large quantities of new war materials have arrived, including a number of new devices.

DEFENCE VOTE PASSES THE HOUSE

THE NEW U.S. \$8,063,000,000 DEFENCE APPROPRIATION BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AND SENT TO THE SENATE. The Bill includes \$4,760,000,000 for the army to equip and maintain the land force of 1,727,000 men plus "critical" items for a 3-million man army.

The Navy will get \$1,569,000,000 and the Maritime Commission \$1,699,000,000 for the construction of 541 cargo boats and the acquisition of 350 others. — Reuter.

GERMAN DENIAL

The Official German News Agency last night issued a denial from "competent quarters" of the Moscow announcement that secret documents have been taken from German troops showing that Hitler planned to attack Turkey.

Such documents, it was declared, do not exist. — Reuter.

Britain And United States Consult On Far East Moves

TO PURSUE PARALLEL COURSES

MR. SUMNER WELLES, United States acting Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, intimated that the United States and Great Britain are pursuing parallel courses in the Far East and will frequently confer on their objectives.

Mr. Welles added that the United States and Britain will frequently exchange views with other independent nations interested in the Far East.

He declined to elucidate the policy of the United States in regard to oil shipments to Japan under the President's recent "freeze" order.

He denied that there was any agreement to take the total Mexican oil production, but said he was optimistic about the future settlement of oil and other problems between the United States and Mexico.

Reviewing Events

LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR OF WASHINGTON, CALLED UPON THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. SUMNER WELLES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ECONOMIC MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST JAPAN.

Lord Halifax told a press conference that a review of the Far East situation was intended in the light of the Japanese move into Indo-China and the swift retaliatory measures by the United States and British Empire countries.

N.Z. In Line

That the New Zealand Government is taking action against Japan similar to the United States and Britain was announced in Wellington yesterday, states a Reuter message from that city.

Nomura Sees Wells

Before conferring yesterday with Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, about the freezing of Japanese assets in the United States, Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, told newspapermen that he understood that Japanese ships were not subject to the freezing order.

He hoped to clarify this, and other questions, at the State Department, he added.—Reuter.

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U.S. Invitation To Latin America

Mr. Sumner Welles in Washington yesterday intimated that the United States would welcome parallel action by other American nations of the economic control measures against Japan.

Stressing that Latin American countries were free to act in any way they deemed advisable, he cited the steps already taken to ensure access by the United States to Latin American defence materials and to prevent the export of such goods from the United States. Asked specifically about the possibility that Venezuela might refuse to sell oil to Japan, Mr. Welles replied that it was solely a question for Venezuela to decide.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH VISIT

Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who is a native of Scotland, yesterday visited industrial establishments on Clydeside.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE TRADE TO CEASE?

The Government's decision to freeze Japanese assets in India, and similar action by the Japanese Government in respect of Indian assets in Japan, is expected by well-informed circles in India to lead to the complete cessation of Indo-Japanese trade, says a message from Simla.

Indian exports to Japan for the year ended March 31, 1941 totalled £675,206 and her imports from Japan amounted to £1,616,100.

Although no mention of trade was made in the order by either Government, it is probable that the freezing orders will not affect goods which are ready for shipment and which had been paid for by either country.

The Government of India's order does not affect Japanese goods for which payment has already been made.

No trade agreement exists between Japan and India at present, but the Commercial Convention requires Japan to take from India cotton to the value of India's imports of Japanese textiles. The Convention is now under six months' notice of termination.—Reuter.

NETHERLANDS TO HOLD NO PARLEYS WITH AXIS

THE DETERMINATION of the Netherlands Government to hold no parley whatsoever with the Nazi regime was reaffirmed in an announcement in London yesterday stating that Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina had approved of a number of ministerial appointments.

The only change in personnel is in the defence department. In view of the great importance attached particularly in the present circumstances to the Netherlands Navy, a separate Navy Department has been created.

This department will function under Admiral Furstner, who was Chief of the Naval Staff in 1936 and this year was made Commander-in-Chief in European waters.

The Netherlands Government reiterates that the entire conduct of affairs and the method of working will continue to be directed to participating most energetically with the Allies and the United States in the prosecution of the war, for regaining their complete independence and for preparation of solution of the problems which will occur after the war.



SAVED BY HIS DINGHY—After shooting down one German plane and damaging two others, Fit. Lt. A. M. Campbell, an English pilot with a New Zealand Squadron, had a remarkable escape. He was forced to bale out and had to hide under his dinghy while German planes circled round. He was picked up by a rescue launch 2½ hours later, somewhat bruised but otherwise fit. The skipper of the rescue launch asked for his wings as a memento. Photo shows Fit. Lt. Campbell (right), showing his dinghy to fellow pilots.

COURTESY CALL AT GIBRALTAR

A MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERISED THE FIRST VISIT TO LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT GIBRALTAR, OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF ALGECIRAS, GENERAL DON FERNANDO BARRON YORITZ.

A Guard of Honour was mounted and the naval, military and air force staffs and colonial government officials were present.

The Governor was given a 17-gun salute upon his arrival and departure from Gibraltar.—Reuter.

THREE CANADIANS DROWN

Sappers Douglas Ainsworth Lott and William Platt, both 20 and John Higgins, 21, all of Canadian R.E., were drowned at Waggoners Wells, beauty spot on Surrey-Hants border at Grayshott, when a boat capsized.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL KILLED IN ACTION

General Federigi, of the Italian Air Force, has been killed in an air combat over Malta, reports the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung." He took part in many bombing raids, including those on Haifa, and held the silver medal for gallantry.—Reuter.

SUPPORT FOR MR. MENZIES

AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN UNITED PARTY, WHICH, WITH THE COUNTRY PARTY, COMPRISES THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL PARTY, SPOKE AT A SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY IN FAVOUR OF MR. MENZIES AND REQUESTED HIM TO CONTINUE HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY.

At the close of the meeting at Canberra, which was somewhat stormy and lasted five hours, Mr. Menzies announced that he was making an aeroplane tour of South Australia and Tasmania which he had not visited since his return from England and America.—Reuter.

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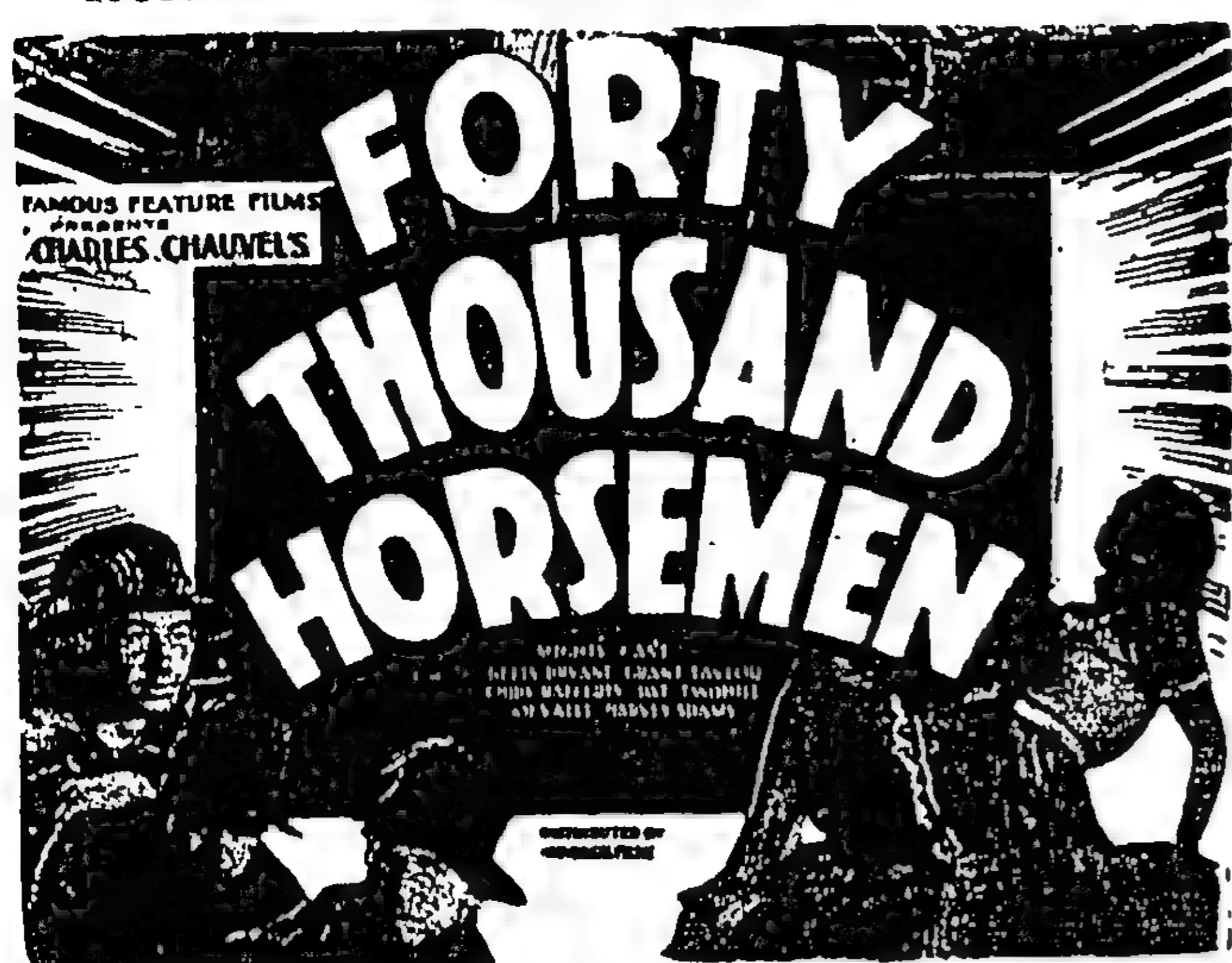
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GERMANS FIND EXCUSE IN ARMY'S DISCOMFORT

GERMAN PROPAGANDA, excusing the slow progress on the eastern front continues to emphasise the difficulties the troops are encountering.

Describing conditions on the Russo-Finnish border, the Berlin correspondent of the Berne newspaper "Buid," says "An endless column of heavily laden soldiers march gasping and cursing through a nightmare of endless forests.

"There are no roads, no communications, no lorries, no motor-cycles. Only absolute essentials of equipment are carried, overcoats and blankets being left behind, though the nights are terribly cold and damp.

"The days are frightfully hot, while millions of mosquitoes swarm over the labouring soldiers' heads. Often the troops must wade knee deep through black swamps. These forests provide the best cover for the Russians, for the Germans cannot see the enemy. As soon as the Germans enter the forest they meet with a withering fire from Russians who are in the trees, here, there and everywhere."

Camouflaged Forts

Another difficulty, the correspondent continues, is that "Soviet forts are constructed as part of

HARD HIT BUT SAFE HOME

Although his aircraft was so severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, that both engines eventually cut out, the captain of one of our heavy bombers brought it home from Kiel the other night and landed with only one slight casualty among the crew, writes a Home Correspondent.

When the aircraft arrived over the target it was met by fierce anti-aircraft fire and many searchlights. One cone of light caught and held the aircraft, but the captain kept over the target and successfully bombed his objective.

"Shells were bursting all about us," he said. "We could hear them and we could smell them—the same smell you get on a busy shooting range. Mingling with it was the smell of petrol when one of the tanks was hit. By diving and climbing and making sharp turns we managed to escape.

"At one moment we got into a spin but pulled out, though not before the dinghy, in its box, had fallen eight feet and hit the navigator in the back. He also got a knock from his seat as it broke off.

"After we had got clear we had to use the stars to guide us. We were caught and fired on again over another town. Later, we were heavily attacked from the ground for the third time, but managed to reach the English coast.

"Our troubles were not over. One engine cut out when our height was 1,800 feet. After a few minutes it started again, and enabled us to climb before it spluttered and died away altogether. Then our other engine cut out. I saw trees only 200 feet ahead, but I was able to avoid them and land. We had one casualty—the navigator had a slight cut in the head.

"I found that most of our starboard flap had been shot away. As a souvenir I have kept a piece of it—just a bundle of fabric which the wind had tied into eighteen knots."

the landscape and are so well camouflaged as to be easily overlooked.

"The ground in front is sown with mines."

Describing an attack on one such fort, the correspondent says: "Russian fire was first opened from a neighbouring farm building so that the Germans thought that the fort was abandoned. When they approached more closely, a murderous blast of machine-gun fire opened from the fort itself. Only after German artillery, shooting at a hundred yards' range, had opened a breach in the walls of the fort, were the Germans able to enter.

"Even then the dangers were not ended as Russian forts are often constructed in three floors, with numerous underground passageways.

"One Russian posted outside said they had nothing to fear as the few surviving Russians were anxious to surrender. The Germans unsuspicious were met with a fierce fire inside and only captured the fort after killing every Russian defender." — Reuter.

Indian Casualty Figures

INDIAN ARMY CASUALTIES DURING THE CAMPAIGNS IN AFRICA REPORTED BETWEEN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND JULY 8 THIS YEAR, TOTALLED 6,427, OF WHICH 759 WERE KILLED, INCLUDING 21 OFFICERS, 26 VICEROY'S COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND 712 INDIANS OF OTHER RANKS.

The remaining casualties include 40 prisoners of war, 1,216 missing and 4,376 wounded.

The proportion of casualties to the total number of troops engaged in the campaigns was stated to be "extremely low."

The total wounded contains "a very large number" of men who were only slightly wounded and who either remained on duty or returned to their units long ago. — Reuter.

PHILIPPINES MILITARY PRECAUTIONS

General Douglas MacArthur conferred with Staff Officers and President Quezon in Manila yesterday.

President Quezon has handed over his presidential yacht to the United States Navy for use as a minefield patrol ship.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE SPEECH AT BEIRUT

"It is right, just and practical to establish the real sovereignty and independence of Lebanon not only for the sake of Lebanon, but for the sake of France herself," declared General de Gaulle in a speech at Beirut yesterday.

General de Gaulle was addressing a gathering representative of religious, political, social and economic life in Lebanon, according to a despatch to the Independent French News Agency.

The General added: "Our presence among you means that France will cooperate with you to defend your liberties against those who threatened them.

"If for strategic reasons our brave Allies the British, have come here with us, it is to help us to fulfil our age-old task as we are helping and will continue to help them in other territories." — Reuter.

At Damascus

General de Gaulle arrived at Damascus yesterday on his first official visit to the Syrian capital. The population gave him a great welcome and the city was beflagged for the occasion.

A review of the garrison and various other ceremonies had been arranged to mark the occasion.

General de Gaulle will take the opportunity to confer with the British authorities and the leading Syrian personalities regarding the setting up of the new regime and establishing the independence of the country. An important statement is expected to-day in a message that General de Gaulle will be addressing to the Syrians.—Reuter.

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U.S. Rubber Supply Threatened

WHEN THE LIST of strategic materials was first compiled about a year ago crude rubber received almost top ranking. As the defence programme began to roll crude rubber experienced increasing government controls.

At first a storage programme was instituted; later the movement of supplies from producing areas came under official supervision. Currently, consideration is being given to control over manufacture of crude into finished goods, says Mr. W. Hutchinson in the "Wall Street Journal."

Rising consumption of rubber in the U.S. has occurred at a time when movement of supplies from producing areas is extremely difficult. Ship shortages in the Pacific are the most serious in history. Simultaneously the nation's huge defence scheme has resulted in the greatest demand for rubber ever known. Consumption, which has already established two successive records, in 1939 and 1940, is expected to top 400,000 tons this year, or about 30 per cent above last year's peak.

Besides this there has been the constant threat of a complete severance of trade in the Far East Japan, whose Dutch Indies

Government Stores Rubber

To forestall an acute shortage of rubber in the U.S. in the event that supply movements were hampered the government early last summer created the Rubber Reserve Co. to accumulate a year's needs in domestic warehouses. The agency originally was financed by both the government and members of the rubber industry, with both parties contributing,

desires are well known, is making threatening gestures toward the world's major rubber growing areas.

Because of the losses to her merchant marine, Great Britain has been compelled to divert vessels once used in the rubber service to other and more vital needs. As a result British ships, which had been used to transport most of America's crude, no longer are carrying rubber to domestic shores. Likewise, Dutch vessels, formerly second in importance, have been taken from the rubber run, but not, as yet, at least, in as great a proportion as the British. Currently the U.S. rubber industry is almost wholly dependent on American flag vessels, which already are over-taxed.

Early in March the Rubber Reserve Co. took its most decisive step to date. It assumed complete control of all rubber shipments in American vessels was given over to it. An allotment system was established whereby the company allots shipping space to itself, consumers, and dealers and importers on a pro-rated basis.

The rubber trade is of the opinion that the government is going to make every effort to build up its huge stock pile. This may very well pinch the civilian consumer. Manufacturers already have discussed tentative curtailment plans with the government. These include elimination of many various sizes and shapes of tyres—reducing production to a few basic types. As a result the nation's dealers may not have to carry as large an inventory as at present.

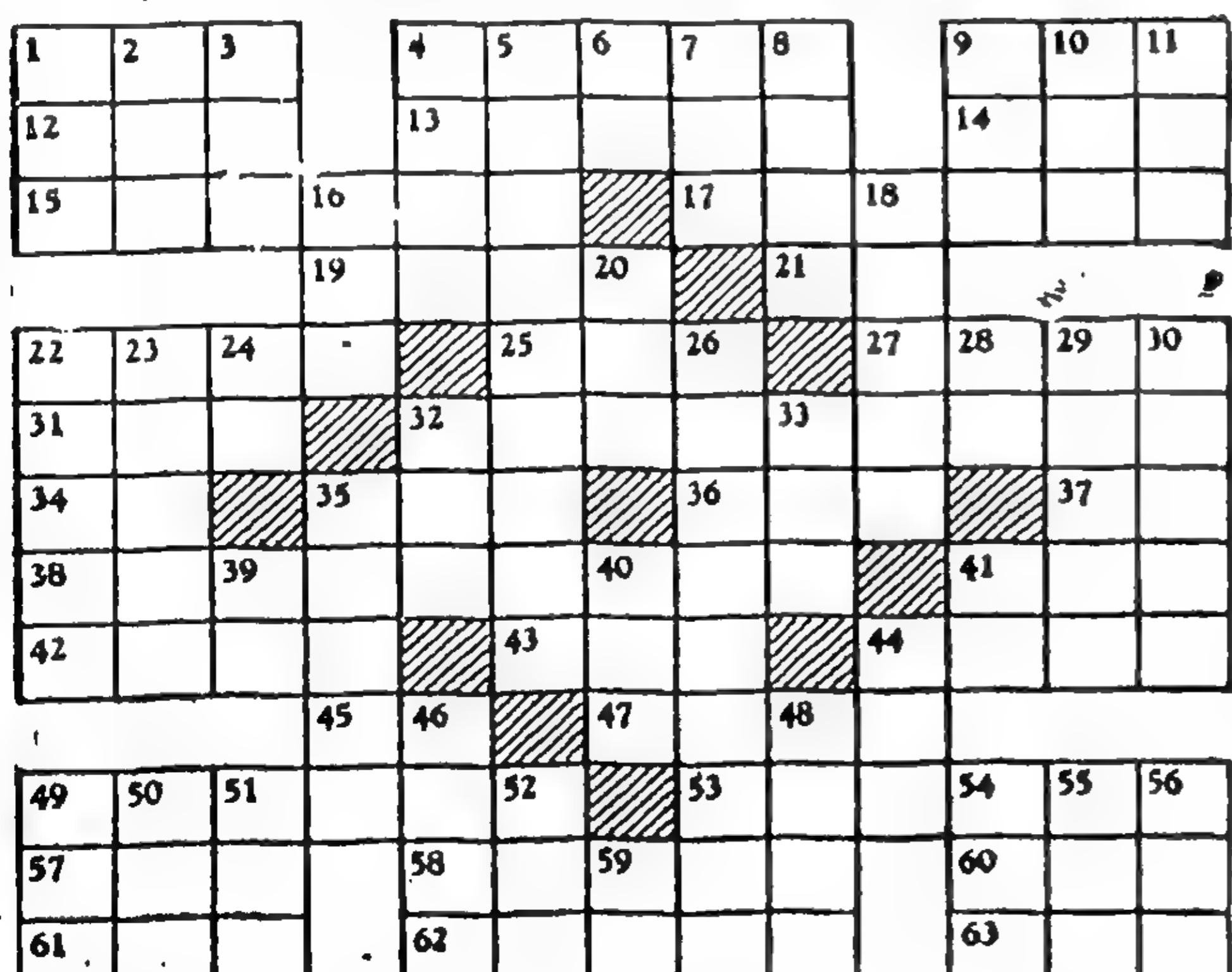
Synthetic Rubber

In mid-April this year Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana opened a synthetic rubber plant in Baton Rouge, thus making the first large scale synthetic production plant in the country by an oil company. The plant is designed to manufacture 10,000 pounds of Buna rubber a day, or about 3,000,000 a year. Chemists feel synthetic production will eventually reduce the country's dependence on the natural product.

Chief drawback to the synthetic rubber industry is the very high cost of building the manufacturing plants. The government has been encouraging expansion in this field, however, and is expected to help finance additional new plants if the flow of supplies is materially curtailed.

One other source of supply is open to the rubber industry. South America, original home of the rubber tree, can send some supplies here. With proper supervision, Brazil alone, could meet all local needs, but again time and high costs hold back expansion in this direction. However, the U.S. Government has sent three or four expeditions to South America recently, and spent almost \$10 million in surveying prospects, and attempting to get more crude shipped to the U.S.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Sooner than
4 To cease to
sleep
9 Melancholy
12 Meadow
13 Stiff
14 Guido's high
note
15 Weasel-like
carnivore
17 Opportune
19 Pale
21 Part of
infinitive
22 Son of Adam
23 To place
27 Mine car
31 The self
32 Observant
34 To accom-
plish
35 Phillipine
Island ward
division
36 Constella-
tion
37 Conjunction
38 Greek
philosopher
41 To de-
liver
42 To grate
43 Speck
44 To await
45 Isn't that
right?
47 Ancient
Irish capital
49 Hidden
53 Pantry
57 High priest

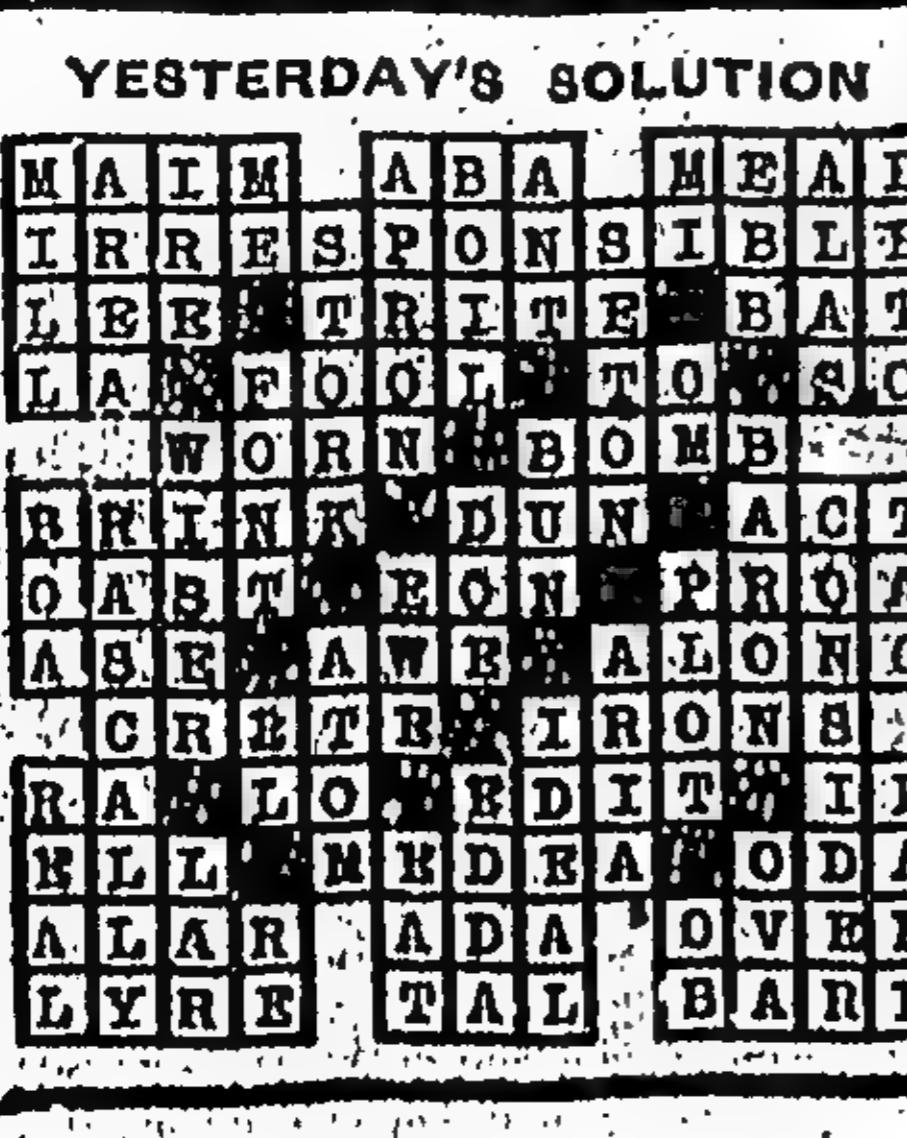
58 To disen-
tangle
60 Hawaiian
bird
61 To append
62 To ascend
63 French
marshal

VERTICAL

1 Brownie
2 Female ruff
3 Hearing
organ

4 War god
5 Endured
6 Symbol for
silver
7 Outfit
8 To prepare
for publication
9 To observe
10 Entirely
11 Period of
time
16 Sped

18 Sentence
expressing
a guiding
principle
20 Still
22 Mountain in
Vermont
23 Greek
assembly
24 Butterfly
26 Informers
28 Japanese
measure
29 To shun
30 To combine
32 Siamese coin
33 By birth
35 Turkish
monetary
unit
39 Exists
40 Child
41 Roman gods
44 To prohibit
46 Greek
goddess
48 Sound, ac-
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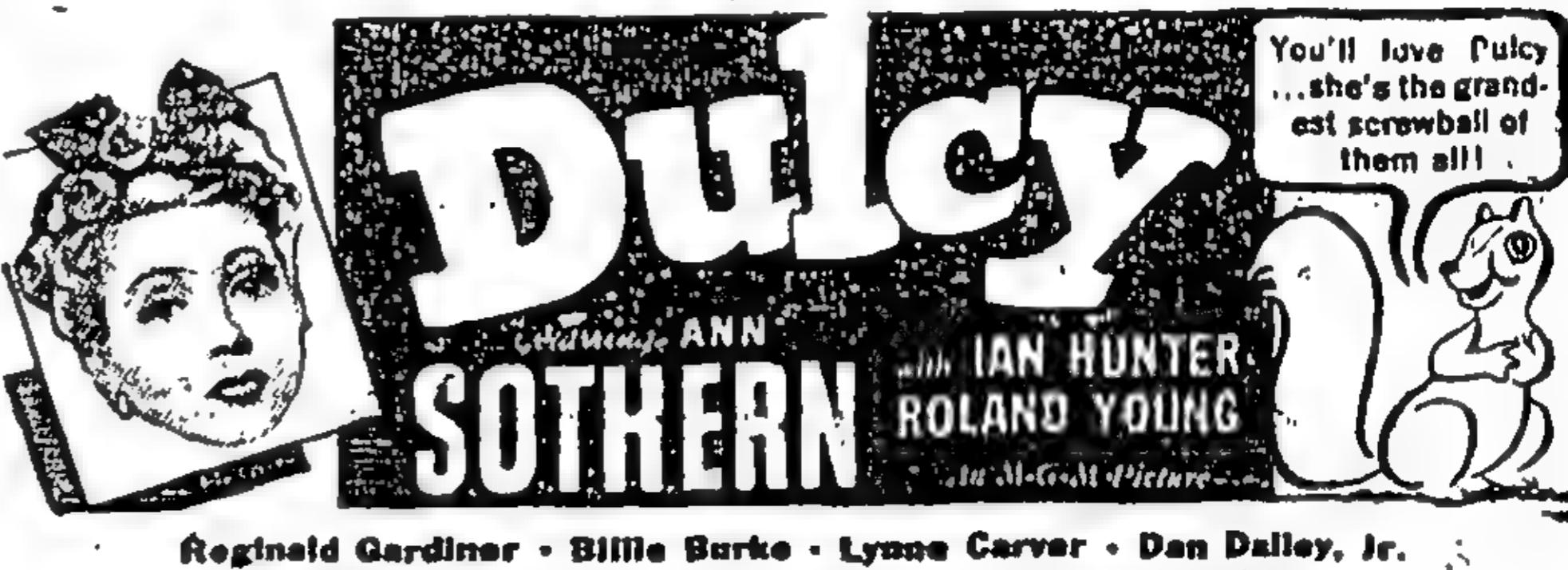
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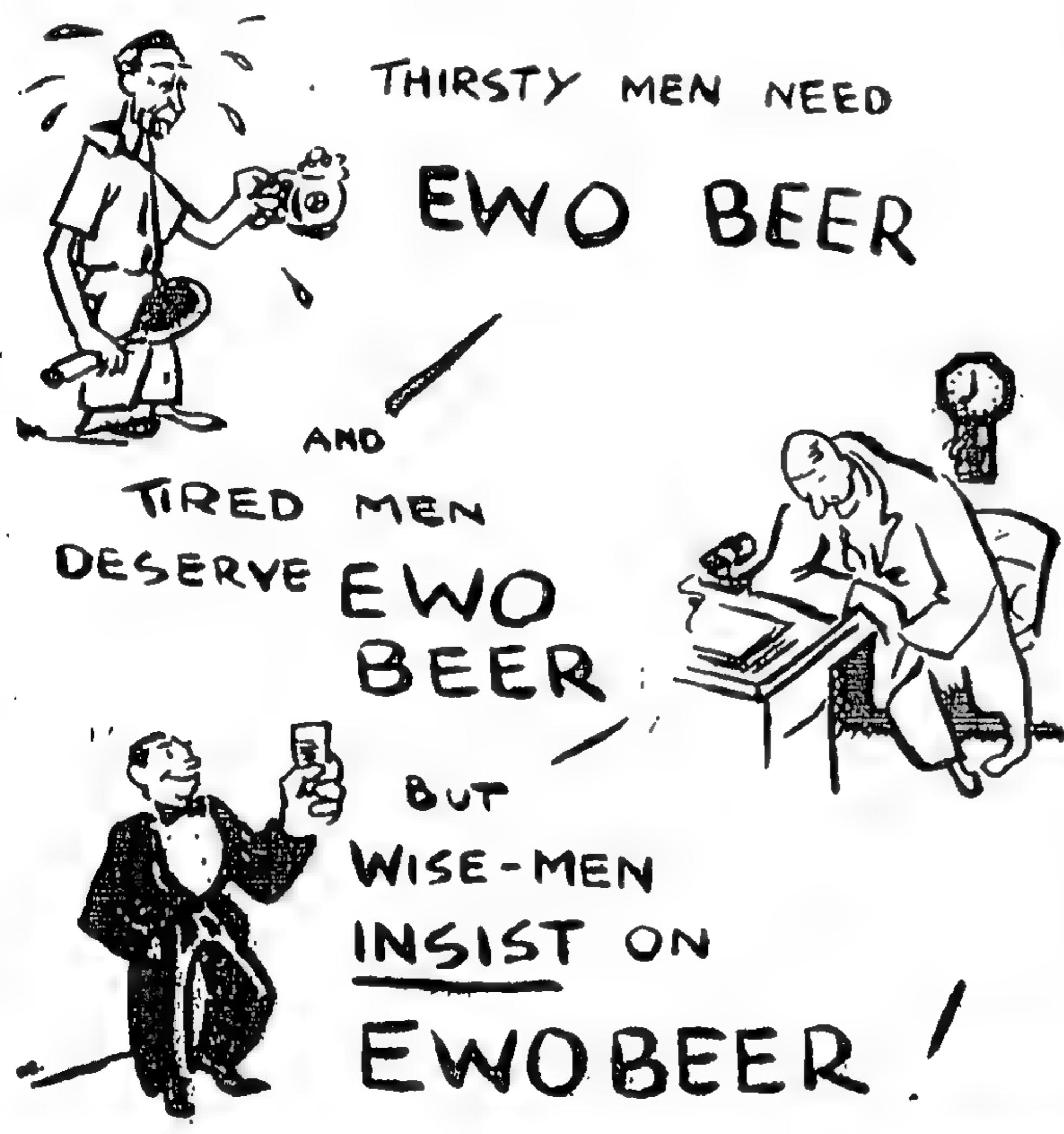
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WAVELL SEES NEED FOR NEW A.E.F.

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, who has relinquished his post as Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, in which he has won the greatest distinction of any British soldier in this war, discussed the war in an informal interview in Cairo.

In his office he recalled briefly the victories and defeats of the past glorious and tragic months and, responding to conversational questions, sketched opinions as to the future that are of special interest at this critical point in American and world history.

The most interesting of these from the American point of view sum up to this:

Whatever happens in Eastern Europe, where the Germans and Russians are battling, the final issue of the war will be decided in the West, as it was in the last war, and in the end it will be a battle of man power.

Then the conversation began roving over the whole subject of the war, beginning with the present Russian-German conflict. It can hardly be reported chronologically for topics were begun and dropped and then resumed in some other connection.

He Expects Long War

If the war continues long enough—and General Wavell appears to have no illusions that this will be a short war if it is to be effectively and permanently won—American man power will be needed. Our airplanes, tanks and guns, decisive though their aid has been in helping Britain hold out this long, will not be enough. There is a limit to Britain's own man power.

Germany can and will be beaten eventually by an invasion of her soil after she has been hammered sufficiently from the air.

When and where American troops should eventually be employed are matters to be determined by events.

Britain has no intention of abandoning this theatre of war.

General Wavell's conclusions on the part the United States may play, though they coincide with those of many highly placed Americans, were not volunteered by him, but were disclosed only in replies to specific questions and sometimes were revealed more by inference than by statements. Like every other high British official, he has studiously avoided advising Americans what they should do.

The interview was given to only two correspondents, Frank Gervast of Collier's and the writer, who had been trying to arrange it for some time—not an easy thing to do, for the general has a terrific working schedule. Once one gains access to him, General Wavell proves once more what every reporter learns early, that the bigger the man the more gracious he is.

The Commander in Chief's office, in a big Cairo office building taken over by General Headquarters, has no hint of war except maps, studded with pins, that almost entirely cover the panelled walls. There are no other decorations. On a large, plain, flat-topped desk are reports from subordinates and a few reference books.

Apology For Shirt Sleeves

The general left his desk as we entered and led us to a small table in a corner where we could talk close together in complete informality. The general apologized for his shirt sleeves. He has a fine military bearing, listens carefully and speaks directly to you in the language of an orderly, well-stocked mind and gives the impression of perfect frankness and intellectual honesty.

It was evident General Wavell was relinquishing this command with some regret although he looks tired and in great need of rest. Everywhere among subordinate officers one finds regret at the general's leaving.

"How do you feel about your new post, General?" was the opening question.

"I was in India thirty years ago as a subaltern," he replied. "It will be a new job and quite a change. I have had two quite strenuous years here. We have had our ups and downs. Auchinleck (General Claude J. E. Auchinleck who will succeed General Wavell in the Middle East command) is a very good soldier. It will be a good thing to have a fresh mind work on this situation. If one is too long in one

military triumph so complete that Germany could not again terrorise the world.

Air Power

"Eventually," he went on, "Germany can be beaten by a combined, unrelenting assault from the air, softening her up for an ultimate invasion of her territory. But nothing can be done without air power.

"The West remains the principal battlefield while the other front becomes one of attrition."

One correspondent raised the question of whether the present threat to Russia's Ukraine, with its grain, coal, iron and water-power, and to her Caucasus, with its oil, was not converting the war into a race between Germany and America. Germany's part of the race being to exploit these resources before America can prepare for active belligerency on land.

"Do you think we have time," asked the correspondent, "to prepare the necessary forces for an invasion and to bring our munitions production up to the level required for a lasting victory before Germany can make effective what loot she can get in Russia?"

"The greatest danger to the West," replied General Wavell, thoughtfully, "always has been that Germany would conquer Russia and utilize her resources, hasn't it?"

He paused a moment and then said, "Yes, I believe there is time."

There were a few more questions about the Western Desert which General Wavell thought was now safe for the British, and about the respite for the British Near East forces that Adolf Hitler's assault on Russia has provided. Then the general rose and said: "I must get on with the day's work."

His day's work is chiefly the directing of two wars, one on the Libyan border, the other in Syria, plus the myriad of vexing problems in commanding 500,000 men and administering vast territories.

Pays Tribute To Troops

Later General Wavell invited all the accredited war correspondents to G. H. Q. for a farewell conference in which he thanked them for their cooperation and paid a tribute to the troops he is leaving.

"We have suffered from a lack of equipment," he said, "but the troops here have made magnificent use of all the equipment and opportunities they have had. No one has ever been better served by his troops and commanders than I have been. Certainly no part of such failures we have had have been the fault of the troops."

The general said the Syrian campaign was "a slow, sticky business" in difficult country but was going satisfactorily with the prospect that resistance would be overcome before long.

"It has not been a pleasant business, fighting our former allies," he added.

He said he could now hope also that the defence of the Near East was satisfactory. He stressed that the Germans had shown no sign of returning after the big battle in mid-June. He said the British had lost a number of valuable tanks in that battle, but that the Germans also had been badly knocked about.

Though the Greek and Cretan campaigns were setbacks, he said, they served a valuable purpose by costing the Germans more time, men and materiel than they had expected.

"If the Germans, instead of going into Russia, had put their forces down here we would have had a pretty difficult time," he continued. "They thought they would get Crete with little difficulty and that the air troops they used there could be transferred to Syria and Iraq."

The respite given in the Near East by the assault on Russia gave the British Army a needed opportunity to rest, train and re-fit and gave the British and Free French forces in Syria a chance to occupy that country before the Germans could get back to this region, the general continued.

"The outcome of the German-Russian conflict cannot be gauged now nor can we tell how strong a resistance Russia will be able to present," he said. "Nor is it possible to tell where Hitler would go next if he succeeded in overrunning Russia, whether he would try to go east or come down here or try an invasion of England."

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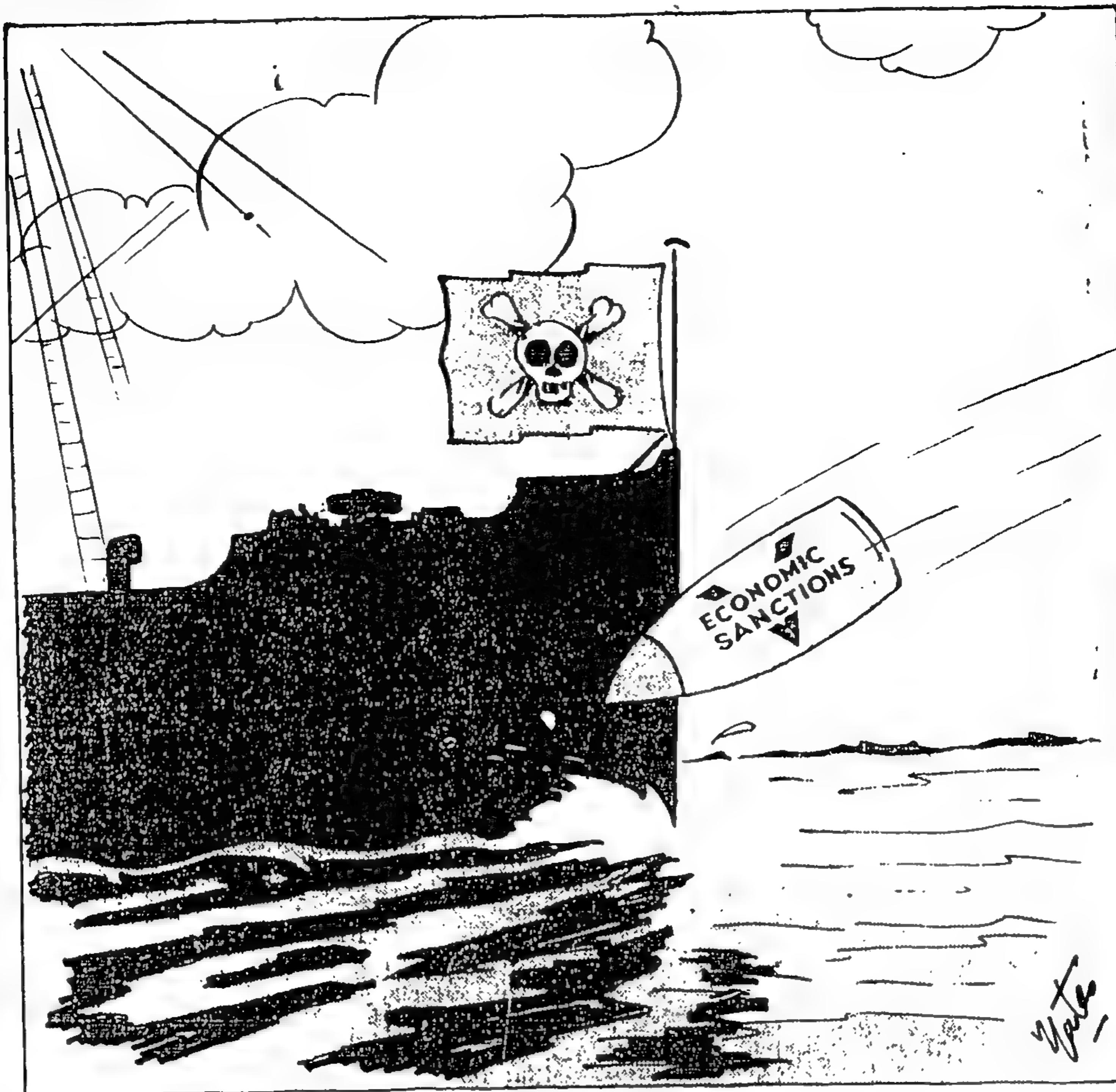
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WISE DECISION

Mr. Churchill's statement on conscription in Northern Ireland will give great relief. Certain members from Northern Ireland criticised it on the ground that the Government seemed to yield to pressure from Eire. The truth is, of course, that the circumstances of Northern Ireland condemn the policy that those members desire. Mr. De Valera has said a great many foolish things at different times—but recently he said something that is profoundly true. No greater service can be done to liberty and human rights than to force a man to fight for a country of which he is subject by compulsion. That is the case of a great body of Nationalists in Northern Ireland.

About the justice of the arrangement by which they are put in that position opinions may differ, but the fact that they are in that position cannot be disputed. They are cut off from the society to which they belong by every tie except that of law, religion, race, and history set them apart from the society in which they live. It may be that some day they will be reconciled; partition may be modified, adapted, or ended, the harsh discords left by history may be softened if a new generation learns to administer government in a different spirit; common danger and common suffering will have their influence. But at this moment the majority and minority are separated by forces too strong for effective unity. If a British Government were to put these Nationalists into British uniform by force it would be doing what the Germans and Austrians did with the Croats, the Poles, and the Czechs and what the Nazis will soon be doing with the people of Alsace-Lorraine. It would be applying to the only minority in its power what Mr. Churchill calls the Prussian boot.

The decision is welcome for several reasons, and not the least important in its effect on the position of the Prime Minister. During the appeasement years Mr. Churchill was the spokesman of British ideas of justice and fair play; then he had a small following, now he has the nation behind him. If the Government had decided the other way he would have abandoned that noble mission, put aside that splendid task. He would no doubt still have delighted and refreshed us with his oratory, but something would have gone out of his speeches. He would have been the spokesman of British resolution, but he would no longer have been the spokesman of British ideas. His moral power to-day and his reputation in history would both have suffered a heavy blow. National unity would have been broken. More than ever our danger demands all the moral resources that a nation possesses when its ideals are high, its spirit sincere, and its leaders men capable of eliciting all its strength and fire.



A Study In Wartime Contrasts

London, June 19. Contrast, startling and incongruous, is the theme of this story on "How Britain Looks To-day." For contrast characterises the life of the British people more and more as the war draws to the close of its second year. That Britain to-day accepts the fantastically incongruous as the normal is convincing evidence of the ability of the folk of this country to endure and win this modern total war. But while these war-girt islanders are to be congratulated on the success with which they are fitting into the new Alice-in-Wonderland chapter in history, the trained observer here never ceases to marvel at the picture he strives to convey to those still outside the immediate war zone.

A two-penny bus ride used merely to separate St. James's Park from the city area of London. To-day that same two-pence separates two almost unbelievable contrasts. On one hand the peaceful panorama of flower beds in full summer glory—there may be a big bomb hole behind that Red May tree but it isn't visible from here—ducks gliding on a mirror-smooth lake, pelicans performing comic antics before an admiring passerby who can see the fun all the better since the iron railings have been removed to make shells. And on the other hand a city scene of indescribable devastation from the tragic results of the most wanton, wholesale smashing and burning of churches and historic buildings that the world has probably ever witnessed.

So it is through the length and breadth of the land, through all the different aspects of daily life. One rubs one's eyes and wonders how things as these make sense:

Food:

Such food queues as there are in Britain to-day are liable to be misleading. They do not as a rule imply any shortage of essential foods. More likely they denote only temporary local shortages. Eggs have been a particular draw for queues. And now they are still more in the news since they are the latest addition to rationed food-stuffs.

It might seem hardly worth the great trouble involved for the sake of about one egg a person a week. But level distribution is the keynote of the Government food policy.

According to the present plan only the owner of 12 hens will be allowed to keep all his eggs; the owner of 13 or more will have to sell all the eggs to a retailer and apply for the meagre egg ration in the ordinary way.

However patriotic the owner of 20 laying hens may be he hardly relishes being a party to this new example of want amid plenty. Moreover, it is doubtful whether the public as a whole will get more than an infinitesimal benefit from the small poultry owner's sacrifices. More than likely there will be a widespread reduction of flocks to 12 hens.

This is but one instance of how the attempt to spread wartime sacrifices equally presents endless complications.

The continuing absence of rationing in restaurants, designed to facilitate feeding for office and factory workers, means that one

By
Peter Lyne

could eat an unlimited number of meals in cafes while housewives struggle with increasing catering problems.

The price of food is rising gradually while the exhaustion of stocks of popular standbys, such as tinned goods, strains still further the ingenuity and shopping patience of the housewife. Fresh fruit has been virtually unobtainable throughout the winter, and now that the home supply is coming along controlled prices are to be advanced due to the widespread frost damage. Jam ration of half a pound a month a person is a considerable problem for a household with children. This ration is to be increased to one pound, thereby somewhat easing the problem.

On the brighter side, however, bread, potatoes, and vegetables are plentiful and rations of butter and fats, meat, bacon, and sugar are generally considered adequate to prevent undernourishment. Milk supplies though recently restricted are sufficient at present, but there is anxiety over the winter output. Evidence suggests that while Britain has experienced vexations and some privations through the food shortage neither health nor efficiency has yet suffered on the whole.

Clothes:

A plaintive note on the clothes rationing situation was given to me by a farm-labourer friend this morning. "Looks like they expect us to wear through a pair of trousers each harvest time," said George. To which I replied, "And I'll probably be reduced to wear

ing my cutaway and high hat up to the office."

Actually it is too early yet to assess the effects of the recently introduced clothes ration under which each person is allowed 86 coupons annually. But one can guess it is going to be highly fashionable to be shabby when one considers that a man's 86 coupons would provide one suit for 26 coupons; one pair of shoes for 7 coupons; 6 pairs socks for 18 coupons; 12 handkerchiefs for 8 coupons; one pair of pyjamas for 8 coupons; one pair of gloves for 2 coupons—but we are one over the 86 already and we have not any underwear, ties, raincoat, overcoat, or bathing trunks.

Materials that are not made up and knitting wool are also rationed but at present one can still buy curtains and chair covers provided they are made up in the shops. Already there is a brisk demand for German and faulty British parachutes on sale here. These are not yet rationed and for about 45 shillings each provide a large expanse of the finest pale blue or white silk suitable for men's pyjamas, children's dresses, and women's underwear.

An interesting reflection on the topsy turvy wartime economy is that the Germans in Paris are reported to be buying up French silk lingerie for making parachutes which, when they fall into British hands are being transformed back into clothes for the English.

Certain types of workers are having special allowances for working clothes. There are many anomalies to be cleared up and the price restriction is to be fixed on certain essential articles, like footwear, to curb inevitable price rises.

Amusements:

And talking of cycling brings us to the question of amusements:

Cycling always was one of the chief recreations of young town workers but now it has greatly increased in popularity.

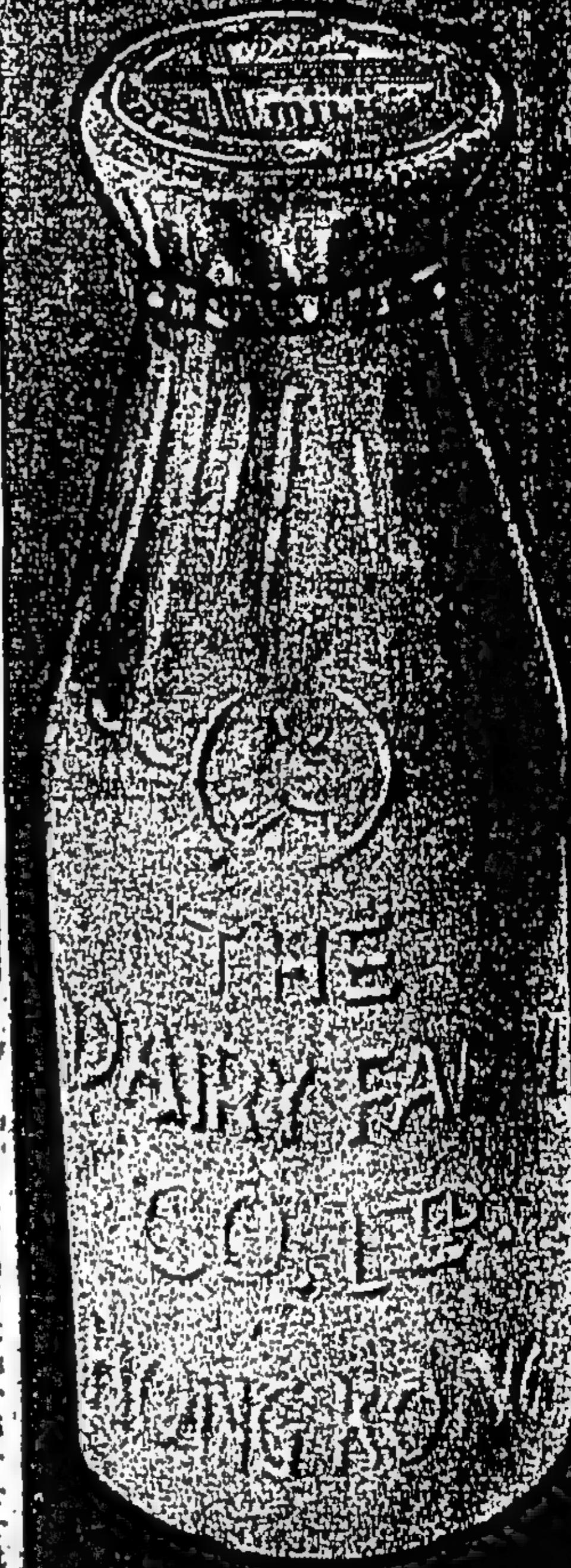
Gay cycling parties streaming out of cities at week-ends provide a typical example of how a large section of the British public manages temporarily to disregard the war and its problems. These young persons, many of whom work long hours in armament factories and are exposed to the danger of air raids every night, have not forgotten how to enjoy themselves. They are convinced, moreover, that the seven-day working week would not be in the national interest.

These young people lead "flat out" lives which help them to sleep through Nazi blitzes—an achievement which it is reported here amazes the Germans. (Continued on Page 10)

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COOL HEROISM OF BRITISH IN TOBRUK

THE TALE OF A CITY or fortress whose garrison has been cut off from its own armies and surrounded by superior enemy forces invariably appeals to men's imaginations. In many of the great wars of history there has been at least one such island of heroism. In the present war it has fallen to the lot of Tobruk to occupy that distinguished position.

The attack on this North African town already has lasted eleven weeks, and in those weeks there has been played a drama of human endurance, determination, courage and cool, skillful fighting which ranks with the great feats of military history.

Now, at the end of that period, there appears to be less likelihood of the city's fall than there was during the first weeks, when the defenses still were being strengthened and reinforcements were being rushed to the place.

The Germans tried to take Tobruk with their usual tactics. They dive-bombed and shelled it intensively. Then they attacked with tanks, followed by infantry. But this time the tactics were unsuccessful. Tobruk did not fall. The Germans skirted this island of British resistance and passed on toward Sollum, where the front became established. It was before Tobruk that the Germans were halted first, and the resistance at Tobruk made easier the definite halting of the Axis advance on Sollum.

Cannot Be Taken

Since those days early in April the Germans have made many more determined efforts to reduce the fortress of Tobruk. With the failure of each successive attempt the British position has been made more secure until now most authorities here are confident that Tobruk cannot be taken as long as the British keep the bases from which supplies can be sent.

It was the Italians, not the British, who first planned a determined resistance in the desert sands and rocks around Tobruk. They erected a string of concrete posts in a great thirty-mile-long arc stretching from the coast west of the city to another point on the coast east of the city.

When the Australians made their attack at the end of January their rapid thrust quickly pierced the Italian defences and within a few days they were in complete possession of the city.

Since the break-through did not destroy the main part of the Italian defences, it was possible to use them, after they had been modified and strengthened, as a basis for the defence of Tobruk against the Germans.

Daily Raids

On the whole, the front to-day runs close to the line of original Italian posts, though in one place a small salient was wiped out when the Germans succeeded in making a local advance. But this does not alter Tobruk's defensive strength.

History has known many instances of cities which fell not because they were taken by force of arms but because they were completely isolated and were out of supplies—particularly food. This will not be Tobruk's fate because it has a window on the sea and the British Navy is still able to guarantee that supplies and reinforcements will reach the beleaguered garrison.

The supplies which arrive included only the most necessary items, but they continue to arrive regularly despite the worst efforts the Luftwaffe can exert.

Actually the town has had relatively greater respite from bombings in recent days than in the first days of the siege. But there is never a day without a few small raids, which are generally carried out by one or two planes flying at extreme altitude. There was a time, however, when the Tobruk garrison was used to having between fifteen and seventy-five planes in the sky at once and to having the raids repeated throughout the day and night.

No Civilians

Before the war started Tobruk must have been a very attractive town, with its modern white houses overlooking the bay. Now it isn't a town any more. In the

first place, the civilian population has been evacuated completely. But, more important, it has been a battlefield for months and has been more nearly destroyed than many cities which have been victims of spectacular but less sustained and systematic raids.

Although there is practically no house in Tobruk which has lived through first the British and then the German attacks without suffering some damage, most of them are still being used. During the desert summer rain and cold do not exist, so that it doesn't matter much whether the house has gaping holes in the walls and roof; it is still a convenient place in which to put beds, tables and chairs.

At the edge of the town the desert suddenly begins. It is composed of rolling, rocky, sandy hills. The winds continually whip up the sand and occasionally when these develop into a real dust-storm, obscuring visibility at ten yards. Sand gets into everything: hair, eyes, ears, mouth, clothes, food, water, beds, motors, guns, tanks. One gets very tired of sand.

One of the first things one notices on arriving here is the general avidity for news.

One Paper

This interest is partially satisfied by Tobruk's single newspaper, "The Tobruk Truth," the slogan of which is "The Dinkum Oil," which is Australian for "The truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth." The newspaper is compiled from the British Broadcasting Corporation broadcasts and has the task of curbing the rumours which circulate wildly about camp.

Early this morning the motors of enemy planes were heard, and ack-ack (anti-aircraft fire) opened fire as the bombs dropped. A little later a formation of Tomahawks, American-built fighter planes, flew over. The troops cheered. To them those planes

HE DIDN'T SAY WHY

How Goebbels' propaganda machine twists the truth was seen by the following broadcast by the German radio:

"What the true conditions in Britain are can best be illustrated by a report in the American Press that a box of onions was sold in London at a price of several thousand dollars."

The announcer omitted to add that these onions were auctioned during London's War Weapons Week.

DETECTOR FOR BOMB RESCUES

A sound-detector to help in rescuing people trapped as a result of bombing has been invented by two members of Stoke Newington A.R.P. stretcher party service.

It consists of a microphone and loud-speaker combined, which can be lowered through a small hole to trapped persons.

They are then able to talk with their rescuers.

The apparatus has been demonstrated before members of the Civil Defence Committee and the Group Co-ordinating Officer.

The inventors are Mr. L. C. Wells, deputy officer in charge, and Mr. G. Carpenter, a stretcher-bearer.

meant two things—increased American aid in their fight and the end of the days when they had to rely on anti-aircraft fire for defence against air attacks.

HOME GUARDS VS. CHUTE TROOPS

THE KING for the first time watched British parachute troops in action when they took part in a replica of the German landings on Crete.

Five thousand officers and men of the Home Guard, drawn from every district in the neighbourhood, also saw the exercises, and learned valuable pointers about how to deal with air-borne invaders.

Standing with a group of Army and Air Force officers, the King watched through field glasses three big Whitley bombers flying slowly at 500ft.

Suddenly figures began to tumble out of the planes, and in a few seconds the sky had blossomed with mushrooms as the parachutes opened.

So skilfully did the parachutists manipulate their gear that it was less than three and a half minutes after they had landed that they captured their position on the airfield.

Defence Adequate

Earlier, an American contingent of the Home Guard had taken part in another exercise.

In spite of every manoeuvre of the parachutists, who captured civilian transport, the defenders did so well that a senior officer said afterwards: "It has proved that our defences are adequate against any daylight attempts."

The attackers had one success when four of them gained entrance to the defending H.Q. by marching in Guards' uniforms.

Though, to make it easier for the defence, they wore wrong arm badges, they were unrecognized, and immobilized a number of the defenders' cars—including that of the General. Before they were discovered the four "spies" flung messages to a colleague over the barracks wall and gave the password to the enemy.

JAPANESE BUSINESS IN COLONY ALMOST AT A STANDSTILL

THE JAPANESE Foreign Office has not yet communicated with the Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong in regard to the Hong Kong Government's freezing of Japanese credits in the Colony, it was officially learned from Mr. S. Kimura, Japanese Consul, this morning.

A visit to Japanese banks and some of the chief and bigger business concerns in the Colony to-day disclosed that business was virtually at a standstill.

None of the local branch offices of Japanese firms in Japan have yet received instructions from their head offices, and it was learned that the Japanese community is preparing to hold a meeting within the next few days to discuss the situation.

At the meeting it is learned, the Japanese community will decide whether to remain and adopt a "wait and see" policy, or to pack up and go home.

Japanese firms and individuals are experiencing difficulty in drawing money from even their own banks, permission for which must first be obtained from the Colonial Secretariat's Office.

From Japanese shipping circles it was learned that all Japanese ships have been diverted from routes leading to British and American territorial waters, and that the vessels will not visit British and American ports unless the Governments give a guarantee that the ships will not be confiscated or detained.

PERUVIAN FIGHTING

Fighting continues on the Peruvian-Ecuador frontier, according to an official communiqué issued at Lima, Peru, yesterday.

It was reported from Quito on Sunday that fighting ceased on Saturday evening, following an agreement between the two parties sponsored by the Argentine, United States and Brazil.

The communiqué, quoted in a Lima despatch to the Vichy news agency, states that the Peruvians on Sunday recaptured the island of Matapalo, near Boca de Capones.

"Meanwhile, negotiations for ending the hostilities continue." — Reuter.

LORD RENNELL OF RODD PASSES

The death was announced yesterday of Lord Rennell of Rodd, who was British Ambassador in Rome, during the last war. Lord Rennell, who was 82 years of age, spent some forty years in the diplomatic service. — British Wireless.

AXIS EMBASSIES SEALED

The German and Italian Embassies in Chungking were officially sealed yesterday following the departure of the last batch of Axis diplomats yesterday by air for Indo-China. — Central News.

MERCHANT NAVY ORPHANS

The King and Queen yesterday visited the Royal Merchant Navy School, where some two hundred boys and one hundred girls — orphans of merchant seamen — are being educated. — British Wireless.

LONDON'S A.A. DEFENCES

The Yugoslav Prime Minister yesterday visited part of London's air defences and inspected gun and searchlight stations. General Simovitch took lunch with the C-in-C, A.A. Command. — British Wireless.

FINLAND BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

Finland has requested the severance of diplomatic relations with Great Britain, it is authoritatively stated in London.

The Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday handed an aide-memoire to the British Minister at Helsinki, informing him that as Finland is a co-belligerent with Germany, normal diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Finland can hardly be maintained.

In reply to Mr. Vereker's question as to whether this statement meant that Finland was requesting the severance of diplomatic relations, the Finnish Foreign Minister replied that this was so. — Reuter.

PHILIPPINE C.-IN-C.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY FORMALLY NOMINATED DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO BE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL IN COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The nomination was sent to the Senate where Senator Claude Pepper told the Press that President Roosevelt could make "no better selection" of a commanding general of the forces in this troubled Far Eastern area.

The Senate in Washington yesterday confirmed without dissent President Roosevelt's nomination of General MacArthur as Lieutenant-General Commanding the United States Army in the Far East, thereby giving a vote of confidence in the President's Far East policy. — Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP IN PALACE BOMBING

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WAS AT LAMBETH PALACE WHEN IT WAS BOMBED AGAIN RECENTLY.

"The experience of crashing bombs and crackling flames was a trying ordeal," he writes in the "Canterbury Diocesan Gazette."

He states that five large bombs fell in the Palace precincts. The library, chapel and the Old Lollards' Tower were badly damaged.

SAVOIAS SHOT DOWN OFF MALTA

R.A.F. fighter aircraft intercepted two Savoia 79s off Malta yesterday and shot both down in flames 50 miles out to sea. Heavy bombers again raided Bengazi harbour during the night of July 26/27 and obtained hits on the moles and Julian Point. — British Wireless.

IT'S THAT SONG AGAIN

The old Australian anti-Italian song about the Southern Tyrolean hero, Andrew Hofer, was sung over Deutschlandsender.

When Hitler occupied Austria, the singing of the song was forbidden by the Nazis so as not to annoy the Axis partner.

AWARDS TO R.A.F. HEROES

Dominions airmen are among the recipients of awards for gallantry during recent heavy raids on cities in Western Germany, thrilling stories of which are now told.

Sergeant N. Williams, born at Dunedin, New Zealand, who receives the Distinguished Flying Medal, took part in the daylight bombing of Bremen on July 4, attacking the centre of the town at a height of 50 feet, flying through balloon barrage and extremely heavy A.A. fire.

The aircraft received direct hits. Williams and another member of the crew were wounded, but the crew, with Williams navigating, "displayed great courage and determination under extremely harassing circumstances" and successfully brought the aircraft back to a crash landing at the aerodrome.

Squadron Leader R. P. Widgisson, Winnipeg, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross, for bringing back an aircraft which was attacked by a Messerschmitt while returning from a raid on Muenster and was severely damaged and set on fire. Tremendous efforts were made to subdue the fire, all loose articles being jettisoned. The aircraft was successfully brought back despite reduced speed and loss of height.

Sergeant M. H. Ross, Quebec, who received the D.F.M., was a gunner in a night fighter. One night last March, an enemy bomber was intercepted but the cannons jammed repeatedly. Ross cleared the stoppages four times under difficult conditions at a height of 12,000 feet, enabling the pilot to destroy the bomber. He has helped to destroy at least two other night bombers.

Flight Lieutenant H. Speke, Bloemfontein, gets the D.F.C. for continuous distinguished successful operational service day and night. He has destroyed four and damaged at least two enemy aircraft by night. — British Wireless.

SHANGHAI SURPRISE ARREST

Mr. Wu Tseng-yu, Manager of the Sung Shing Cotton Mill No. 9 in Shanghai, and his son Wu Chung-i, department chief of the mill, were arrested by Japanese gendarmes and French Municipal Police at 1.45 o'clock this morning when the Japanese raided the Wu house on Rue Pershing in the French Concession. — Central News.

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NOTES

A TRUMP COUP

By The Four Aces

South probably overbid a bit in the hand below, but made up for it by superlative play:

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North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♦ Q 5
♦ K 3
♦ A 9 6
♦ A Q J 10 9 4

WEST

♦ 8
J 10 7 6 2
10 8 5 2
5 5 3

EAST

♦ A 10 4 2
8 5
K Q J 7 3
6 2

SOUTH

♦ K J 9 7 6 3
♦ A Q 9 4
4
♦ K 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	2
2♦	Pass	3	Pass
3	Pass	4	Pass
4	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds, dummy winning with the Ace. South then made the key

play by leading a diamond from the dummy and ruffing it in his own hand. The reason for this play will soon become apparent.

South next led a low trump, dummy playing the Queen, and East winning with the Ace. East returned a heart, and South won with the Ace. The lead of the King of spades then showed the sad truth: East had the rest of the trumps and would win a trump trick unless South found some way to take a trump finesse without the aid of a trump lead from the dummy.

But it was precisely for that reason that South had ruffed a diamond at the second trick. And now he led a low club to dummy's nine and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond. At this point South had reduced his trump holding to the Jack and nine, while East had the ten and four of trumps. The stage was set for the coup.

Declarer led the club King, overtaking with dummy's Ace. Then the clubs were led one after another. If East chose to ruff, South could over-ruff, draw the last trump, and get back to dummy with the heart King to continue with the clubs. And if East chose not to ruff, South would simply discard hearts until finally East and South had nothing but trumps left to play. And then dummy could lead any card to act as a means of finessing trumps.

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Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ A Q 10 8 3
♦ K J 9 4
♦ 7
♦ A 10 5

The bidding:

South	Declarer	North	East
1♦	Schenken	Burnstone	Maler
2♦	Pass	INT	Pass
3	Pass	2	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have more than a minimum opening bid so game is not entirely out of the question. Furthermore, your distribution is unsuited to no-trump.

Score 100% for two hearts, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 780

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

South	Declarer	North	East
1♦	Schenken	Burnstone	Maler
2♦	Pass	INT	Pass
3	Pass	2	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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A STUDY IN WARTIME
CONTRASTS

(Continued from Page 7)

tainly the breakfast table question is increasingly becoming "Was there a raid last night?"

Sports:

Continuing—but for the benefit of recreation rather than for the box office—sports have been bereft of publicity and giant audiences. Yet sport is an integral part of Britain's wartime resolve to keep fit.

Many people are too busy, however, digging gardens or attending to their civilian defence duties so that golf courses are relatively deserted, covered with anti-parachute obstacles, or used as camps. A great many different types of sports clubs are in a state of suspended animation. Nevertheless, it is the instinct in this country to play games and few air raid wardens posts are without dart boards to while away the time on raid free nights.

Village cricket, affected by the absence of players in the fighting forces, nevertheless carries on even though a bomb hole on the village green may necessitate shifting the location of the pitch.

Theatre:

The fortunes of the theatres and the movies tend to fluctuate in marked contrast with the length of daylight hours and the extent of enemy bombings. The dark winter evenings and the "blitz" of last September virtually put the London theatre world out of business for a considerable while.

But despite the fact that many famous theatres have been destroyed, such as Drury Lane, the Palace, and the Shaftesbury, the theatrical business has made remarkable recovery lately, helped by two extra hours of daylight under the wartime scheme.

To-day 16 theatres are open in London. A notable event was the launching last week of a wartime Gilbert and Sullivan season at the Savoy Theatre, home of the famous Savoyards, at which they have not played since 1933.

Open air concerts and plays are being given for the next two months in London and other "blitzed" towns for the benefit of those who spend their nights in air raid shelters.

Stratford-on-Avon is staging its usual summer Shakespeare festival this year. A brisk business is reported, but a notable difference compared with peacetime is the much regretted absence of the usual large and enthusiastic gathering of American Shakespeare admirers.

The setbacks suffered by the London theatre have enhanced the importance of the provincial theatre. Productions in general are on a more economical scale.

Cinema:

The movie business in London and some provincial towns has been hit by the evacuation of inhabitants. Many cinemas also have been destroyed. On the other hand the movies in areas to which the population has gravitated have packed houses now that it is daylight until 11 p.m. and audiences are home before the black-out and raids.

British film production fell to a low ebb but now is accelerating. American production here is increasing, partly because it is a way of utilising American credits frozen in Britain.

The most striking contrast in the book world is to wander through the charred ruins of Paternoster Row, the fountain of Britain's book trade in the heart of the City of London, and to compare the desolate scene with the busy libraries and bookshops, especially secondhand books stores, encountered all over Britain.

The Paternoster Row conflagration, in which countless new and priceless old volumes and many unpublished manuscripts were destroyed was a tragedy for the book trade which the reading public has not yet fully felt. In the meantime the popularity of reading has greatly increased.

Gasoline:

The gasoline situation presents many contrasts. In the towns one would say there was not much of a shortage. Buses, private cars, motor coaches, and taxis throng the streets. But out in the highways and the byways road traffic is sparse save for army cars and trucks.

A basic petrol ration is allowed every car owner according to the

horsepower rating of his car. It is ten gallons a month for a car of the size most popular in the United States. A supplementary ration is allowed for work of national importance.

There has been a good deal of illegal obtaining and transferring of gasoline which led to the recent tightening up of regulations and a general cut of 20 per cent. in supplementary allowances.

Civilian motorists have been charging the Army with needless extravagance and some of these charges have been proved. For instance the case was cited in the press recently of a heavy Army truck driving 40 miles to deliver a small key to a civilian who is herself now obliged by the petrol rationing to bicycle five miles to the shops even in the pouring rain. When the recipient of the key expressed surprise at such personal attention the sergeant driver charmingly expostulated, "No trouble at all."

Many private cars have been laid up for the duration but there have been protests also about the number of automobiles still seen at horse and dog race meetings. Undoubtedly there could be further restrictions in gas without any serious interference with the essential life of the Nation. In the meantime many former motorists have taken up cycling again.

Law Courts:

An instance of the far-reaching changes which may occur in Britain's social and traditional life before the war ends is the question of the abolition of wigs for judges and lawyers in law court's now being discussed here.

While there might be some loss of extraneous dignity, this measure would be in sympathy with the popular mood toward eradicating the artificial side of British ritualism.

The law profession bravely carries on its work despite the serious shortage in staffs due to military service and despite the blows of the Nazi bombers which have severely damaged the famous Old Bailey and reduced to rubble many of the beautiful residential quarters occupied by lawyers off Fleet Street.

It is contrast everywhere one goes. My own wartime hermitage social home life was transformed for a week lately into a whirl of unprecedented gaiety. The excuse was the local war weapons week. Now we are back on our own small holding, making up that lost week.

BAN ON
RESERVED
MEN

Reserved workers cannot now join the Regular Army. Changes in reserved occupations and protected work include a provision that volunteers for service on a normal engagement in the regular armed forces, public police forces or public fire brigades will not be accepted if they are reserved. The existing provision is cancelled.

New classes of protected establishments are:

Stone, slate and chalk mining and quarrying including lime and whiting production; slag disposal from blast furnaces.

New Reservations: Boiler fitter's or moulder's labourer and coppersmith's labourer reserved at 35; at stage B they will remain reserved at 35 if they are employed on unprotected work.

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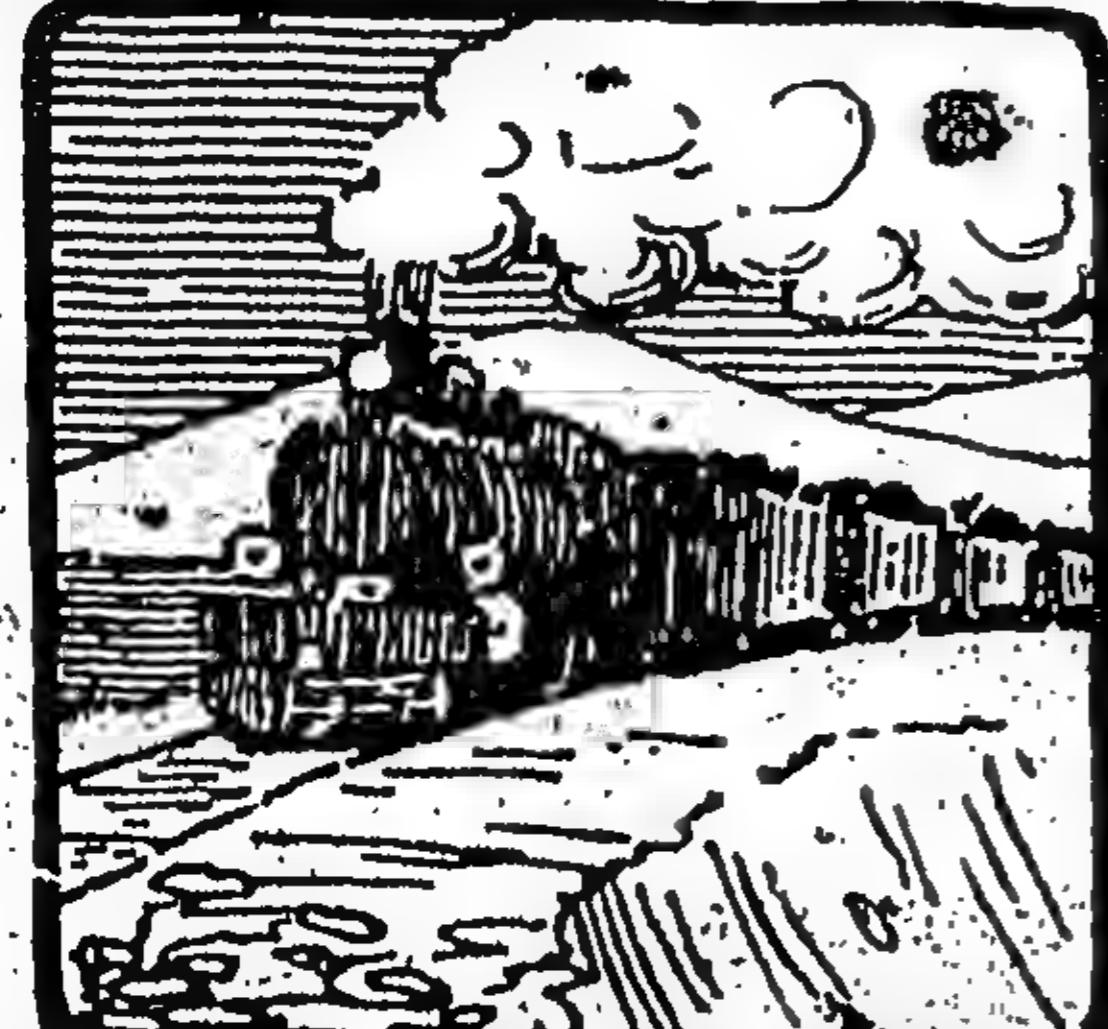
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
Trial By Jury—Oh, Never, Never...
Lee Shefield, W. Lawrence, George Baker... Chorus: May It Please You... A. Hosking, G. Baker, W. Lawson; That She Is Reclining... L. Shefield, W. Lawson, Arthur Hosking & Chorus: Oh, Gentlemen, Listen... D. Oldham & Chorus of Girls. That Seems a Reasonable Proposition... Lee Shefield, Arthur Hosking & Chorus.

"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—Night Has Spread Her Pall Once More (Sullivan)... Dorothy Gill & Chorus.
"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe; When A Wooer Goes A Wooooing... W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, D. Oldham & G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture!... D. Gill and Peter Dawson
"Ruddigore"—Welcome Gentry For Your Entry Mixed Chorus; O. Why Am I Moody and Sad?... Sydney Granville & Mixed Chorus, You Understand?... Derek Oldham & Sydney Granville, Hail The Bride of Seventeen Summers... Mixed Chorus

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme.

Nicolette (Van Phillips)... Van Phillips & His All-Star Orchestra.
Majarska, Chinese Legend... (Schubert)... Eugen Wolff & his Orch. Fairies In The Morn—Intermezzo Entiante (Ewing); An Hour With You (Eisler); Joseph Mysant & the Tivoli Broadcasting Orchestra.
Bavarian Tales (Richter); Peasant Polka (Mohr); Fritz Dumina & his Orchestra.
Gossamer (Stan Bowshed); Dainty Debutante (Scott Wood); George Scott Wood (Piano) & his Salon Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, and The Street Singer. Safe In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Gilbert—Connelly); When You Come To The End Of A Journey—Fox-Trot (Box-Cox)... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

The Breeze and I (Lecuona Stillman); Say It (from film "Buck Benny Rides Again")—McHugh, Loesser)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accomps.

Roses Are Blooming In Loveland—Waltz; You Made Me Care—Waltz (Gilbert)... The Organ, The Dance Band & Me.

Old Sailor (Godfrey, Kennedy)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accomps.

The Old Tin Helmet—Fox-Trot (Connor); Wings Over The Navy—Fox-Trot (from film "Wings Over The Navy")... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me with Quartet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I Gotta See A Dream About A Girl, A Cathedral In Rio Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye.

Quick-Step—In The Middle Of A Dream Waltz—Love Never Grows Old—Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Novelty Fox-Trot If A Grey-Haired Lady, Slow Fox-Trot—Ridin' Home... Jack Hilton & his Orchestra.

Tango—Misterio! Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—You're Dangerous; You Lucky People You (both from film "Road To Zanzibar")... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

7.17 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Sea Shanties—Intro: What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor; Shenandoah Blow The Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnnies; Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo-Balay; Billy Boy... Geraldo & his Accordeon Band and Male Chorus.

We're All Bound To Go (Verses from "The Shanty Book")... Raymond Newell & Chorus with Piano.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post"; Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Lehár. Count Of Luxembourg Waltz... Marek Weber & his Orchestra.

"The Blue Mazurka"—Vocal Gems—Intro: The Blue Mazurka; When She Is Yours At Last; Love's The Richest Price; I'm A Shy Young Chau; Shine, Bright Moon... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Gipsy Love"—Selection... De Groot and his Orchestra.

The Merry Widow—I Love You So... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

"Frasquita"—Serenade... Emil Roosz, and his Orchestra.

"The Land of Smiles"—You Are My Heart's Delight... Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Variety Programme.

Vocal—Slumming On Park Avenue (from film "On The Avenue"); This Year's Klasse... Alice Faye, with Cy Feuer Orchestra.

Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert, arr. Bertel)—Intro: Unfinished Symphony; Just A Little Rink-Duet; The Flower March, Act 1; The Golden Song; Yours Is My Heart; Four Jolly Brothers; Serenade; Ballet; Finale... Harry Davidson.

Vocal—There's A New World (from "Okay For Sound"—Kennedy-Carr); Sing Me A Swing Song (Carmichael—Adams)... Ike Hatch with Orchestra.

Piano—Lambeth Walk after Chonin, Liza (arr. Rayson); Lambeth Walk after Verdi; Beethoven, Mozart after Verdi.

THE CHINA MAIL, JULY 29, 1941.

NEW PUSH STEPPING ON DEEP STONE TO SHELTERS TO MOROCCO

Deep shelters for another 90,000 people are being built in London.

In the provinces too, deep shelter schemes have been approved.

This is part of the Government's new policy of better air raid protection for the people of Britain. The policy was outlined last November by the Minister of Home Security—but he added the warning that a deep shelter scheme to accommodate the whole population, or most of it, was beyond the bounds of practical possibility.

Plans for London's extra-deep shelters was revealed in the report on the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

It stated that eighteen of the twenty shafts for the additional shelters had been started. It is hoped to complete the scheme by next winter.

The report recommended that no further Tube shelter should be provided beyond that already authorised.

Such shelter should be restricted to mothers and children, the aged, and people working long hours on work of high national importance.

Specially skilled men—some of them were miners are needed for the tunnelling work.

Tension and rumours of a German incursion into Spain have prevailed recently throughout the Western Mediterranean.

Although they are mainly due to one of the recurring states of semi-panic, they are becoming ever more frequent and bear more and more relation to reality.

The Spanish situation has become worse in every way.

The food position is steadily deteriorating, although it becomes better temporarily and in patches. We may be assured that little or none of the food or money to buy it which is allowed in Spain ever gets to the poor civilian population. Most of the food goes to the army.

The rich can buy what they want, and one of the gravest social symptoms is the cleavage of sympathy between rich and poor.

The main preoccupation of the majority of the population is obtaining something to eat. It is not uncommon to see men and women die in the streets. Banana-skins and onion peelings are luxuries for many Spaniards.

Hundreds of thousands of Republicans are still in prison, where the mortality rate is high. Although reports of epidemics, especially typhus and typhoid, are possibly somewhat exaggerated, it is undeniable that disease is increasing. The exhausted state of the population makes for a rapid extension of disease.

Disease Increasing

Already there has been much evacuation from the large towns to the country and the south, but in Spain's present condition epidemics are impossible to circumscribe.

In assessing the probabilities and date of German action it is necessary to bear in mind the menace to the regime presented by starvation epidemics and administrative inefficiency that are bringing the Government machine to a standstill.

The Germans already control many essential levers in Madrid and the Ministry of the Interior is practically a branch of the Gestapo.

In Africa the Germans are expected soon to transfer to Tangier their main centre of activities and propaganda for Morocco.

Tangier not only has a better climate than Tetuan, but its international character and geographical position between the Straits of Gibraltar and the highway of French Morocco make an admirable observation and control post.

Allegro; 2nd Mov: Largo appassionato—Andante espressive; 3rd Mov: Vivacissimamente... Artur Schnabel (Piano).

In Questa Tomba Oscura... Theodore Charapine (Bass) with Orchestra.

Trio No. 7 in B Flat Major, Op. 87—The Archduke—1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Scherzo—Allegro; 3rd Mov: Andante Cantabile.

4th Mov: Allegro moderato... Corot; Thibaud & Casals (Instr. Trio).

"Les Adieux"—Sonata In E Flat Major, Op. 81a—1st Mov: Adagio—11.15 p.m.—Close down.

TANK HERO'S 2ND WOUND

MAJOR WILLIAM ROBERT REEVES, D.S.O., WHO, THOUGH WOUNDED, FOUGHT A BRILLIANT TANK ACTION AGAINST THE GERMANS IN FRANCE LAST MAY AND WAS DESCRIBED AS "THE MAN WHO PROBABLY SAVED THE B.E.F." HAS AGAIN BEEN WOUNDED.

His name appears in a War Office casualty list.

He won the D.S.O. for leading his tanks right through the Germans besieging a town. With his own tank he destroyed seven armoured vehicles and held a bridge at Gravelines, saving the B.E.F. in a critical position.

(arr. Rayson) Frank Rayson, Vocal—Two Ton Tessie (Furk—Handman); Oh! Freddie (Tom Gordon).... Tessie O'Shea.

Organ—Chu Chin Chow—Selection (F. Norton)... Harry Davidson, Piano—The Best Things In Life Are Free (De Silva & others); The Moon Won't Talk (Hathaway & Bliss); "Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.46 p.m.—Ray Starita (Xylophone) and His Band.

Rio De Janeiro (de Gredos); Stand Up And Smile—Selection (Furber, Ellis & Charig); Joey The Clown (Myers).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour with Beethoven.

With A Coloured Ribbon... Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with George Reeves (Piano).

"Les Adieux"—Sonata In E Flat Major, Op. 81a—1st Mov: Adagio—

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ALONE A YEAR, BRITAIN CUTS ODDS IN WAR

A YEAR AGO on June 22, Great Britain found herself alone in a struggle to the death against the combined might of Germany and Italy. Her position was desperate.

To-day her situation has greatly improved. During the last year she has fought a "great delaying action" which has given her ample time to mobilise itself. While even the most optimistic realise the gravity of the present situation and the dangers that lie ahead, the year's achievements have resulted in a prospect of victory which lights the gloom a prospect which a year ago could find no realistic basis.

At that time the British Army had no heavy equipment—all it had had to be abandoned in the evacuation from France. The vastly superior German air force poised to deliver the knockout blow prior to an invasion of these islands, lay just across the Channel—a Channel which found all Holland and Belgium occupied, as well as France, by the enemy.

From the north coast of Spain to Narvik the ports were in the hands of the Nazis, threatening the sea communications vital to England's life and continued military effort—at home and abroad. Even the Mediterranean, one of the most important lines of Imperial communications, was threatened by an Italian fleet aided and abetted by two large

armies ready to converge in attacks on the Suez Canal.

Essentials Of Position Preserved

Despite the overwhelming dangers of the present and the complaints of those who are "sick of defeat after defeat" authoritative quarters here emphasised that a year of fighting has reinforced the empire's chances of victory.

Britain has preserved the essentials of her position—single handed against the heaviest odds. She has defeated and destroyed two great Italian armies—hand-picked and equipped in the most modern style—commanded by soldiers of repute. She has weakened, if not eliminated the striking power of two navies. She has won the "battle of Britain" in the year, and she maintained her position in the "battle of the Atlantic."

There have, of course, been defeats, but the withdrawals from Greece and Crete were not complete defeats. Because of these actions Hitler was unable to assist Rashid Ali Al Gallani's abortive attempt to hold Iraq for the enemy. Without the successful

conclusion of the Iraq revolt the Syria penetration vital as it was to control of the eastern Mediterranean, could not have been undertaken at all.

The only retreat which yielded no advantage was that from Benghazi, but that was the risk with which the intervention in Greece was taken.

Wavell Won Despite Odds

In Africa Wavell was left alone after the fall of France to hold the Near East. He was at a disadvantage numerically and materially so complete that it was almost a miracle that he was able to defeat both Graziani and the Duke of Aosta. Beginning with less than a tenth of the force against him and a twentieth of the number of guns, he destroyed both armies, causing 400,000 casualties with relatively slight loss to his own troops, who were fighting against almost insuperable obstacles.

The Ethiopian frontier stretched for 4,500 miles. Liaison between the British columns had to be maintained by plane. The bush could be penetrated only by tanks. Water had to be carried for miles. Yet, against these odds Wavell has emerged victorious.

On the home front Britain has trained and equipped a home guard of more than 1,500,000 men ready to fight to the death against any air or sea-borne invasion. Civilians have suffered the worst of the Luftwaffe to date—and their morale remains unbroken.

Won "Battle Of Britain"

She won the "Battle of Britain" last autumn, and the Royal Air Force has now taken the initiative, carrying the offensive to Germany with ceaseless and devastating attacks against German industries, bases and communications.

The never-ending struggle to keep Britain's communications open is a part of the same battle. Otherwise these islands would have become a beleaguered garrison which must have capitulated in time.

The "Battle of the Atlantic" has been more successful than might have been expected. Britain has lost shipping and valuable cargoes heavily, but her standard of living remains high, and the war effort has not been gravely affected—witness the reinforcements and supplies sent to the Middle East.

On the offensive side Britain has made her blockade of the enemy so effective that there exists a shortage of essential commodities, principally wheats, fats, oil and several minerals, which must be built up if Germany is to fight out the long war which Hitler now has admitted lies ahead. Whatever the meaning of the present German concentration on the Russian frontier, it reflects Nazi Germany's need of vital supplies.

Axis attempts to break the blockade have led to British naval victories, such as the sinking of the Bismarck, the immobilising of the Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Prinz Eugen, and the brilliant engagements against the Italian fleet at Taranto and Cape Matapan.

It is small wonder that Britain holds no brief for a "negotiated peace."

HOOD WAS GOING TO U.S. REPORT

A report that H.M.S. Hood was on the way to Boston, U.S., for repairs when she was sunk in the fight with the Bismarck was published in a Boston newspaper.

A U.S. Navy spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report. "We would not know till a day or two before a British vessel was due to arrive for such repairs," he said.

The report stated that the Hood had been damaged in the Mediterranean.

ARMY CHAPLAIN KILLED

The Rev. R. T. Podmore, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, is reported killed in War Office Casualty List No. 170, containing 240 names of officers, N.C.O.s and men.

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SIGNALS CHECKED AT LAST

Signals maintained their unbeaten record in Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo tournament when they were held to a four-all draw by Middlesex "A" in the Army Pool yesterday.

The game in the first half was evenly contested and four goals were shared. In the second half Signals scored two goals in succession, but Jennings reduced the lead with a good back-hand snap goal and before the final whistle Ure equalised with a long lob.

As the result of this game Y.M.C.A. are now the strongest challengers to the Signals' supremacy and the meeting of these two teams is eagerly awaited.

Following are the results of the games played yesterday.

Royal Scots "A" 3 Royal Scots "B" 2

Grays, Miller and Hunter 2 Laws and Morris 1

Middlesex "A" 1 Navy "C" 3

Holiford Bush 2 and Wilson 1

Signals 4 Middlesex "A" 4

Dugan, McCann and Allen 21 Burgee, Jennings 21

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	Goals							
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	
Signals	16	15	0	1	82	13	31	
Y.M.C.A.	16	14	2	0	82	18	28	
Middlesex "A"	15	13	1	1	83	16	27	
R. Navy "A"	15	10	4	1	55	33	21	
R. Scots "A"	15	10	5	0	49	52	20	
Combined Small Units	16	8	7	1	43	53	17	
R. Navy "C"	15	7	6	2	40	40	16	
6th Regt. R.A.	13	5	6	2	38	30	12	
Middlesex "B"	14	4	9	1	28	52	9	
6th. A.A. Regt.	14	3	9	2	31	45	8	
R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	6	
65th. Bty. R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	6	
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5	
36th. Bty. R.A.	14	1	12	1	16	67	1	
R. Scots "B"	15	0	14	1	15	68	1	

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme

AT ARMY POOL

Middlesex "C" v 8th R.A.
Royal Scots "B" v 36th R.A.
Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"
Signals v Middlesex "B"

CHANCE FOR LADY RIDERS

A feature of English sporting papers is the number of girls now advertising for positions with horses, also the number wanted for that class of work. Where men are required for stables, there is generally the proviso of "not eligible for military service."

With so many jockeys joining up, the services of girls capable of riding work are likely to be in strong demand. Two or three years ago there was quite an invitation for races for women riders to be put on at recognised meetings in England, and that may yet come about.

BAHRAM'S U.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE CANCELLED

UNBEATEN BAHRAM, WHO WAS BOUGHT LAST YEAR BY AN AMERICAN SYNDICATE OF FOUR FROM THE AGA KHAN FOR A REPORTED PRICE OF BETWEEN G\$180,000 AND G\$185,000 DID NOT DO AS WELL PHYSICALLY AS COULD BE WISHED AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

In consequence all subscriptions to him for this year were cancelled. He was to have had 40 mares, of which 29 were owned by members of the syndicate.

All going well, he will have his first American season next year. Bahram, whose wins included the Two Thousand Derby and St Leger, had his first stud season in England in 1936 and his winners of last year included Turfman, Irish Derby and Yorkshire St Leger.

Small Fortune

NOT only can an owner get a small fortune from prize-money for some races in America, but trainers of winners are treated with marked liberality. At the Suffolk Downs (Boston) meeting of 60 days which started in May

and ended this month, the trainer of the winner of the Massachusetts Handicap, of G\$50,000, received G\$2,000 from the association, trainers of three other winners of big races G\$1,000 each, two other races G\$750 each, and of eight others G\$500 each. Altogether trainers' awards from the association totalled G\$10,500.

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta at St Catherine's, Ontario, on Sunday, revealed that Ted Dubois, of Winnipeg, is the likely successor to Joe Burk, the world's premier sculler. Dubois won the single sculls, beating Joe Anygal, of Brooklyn, America, after a stern race over a mile and 500 yards in 8.10. Dubois beat Anygal in the recent American championship and last year was second to Burk for both the American and Canadian titles. Buffalo West Side had more successes on the last day of the regatta and won the team honours for the second successive year.—Reuter.

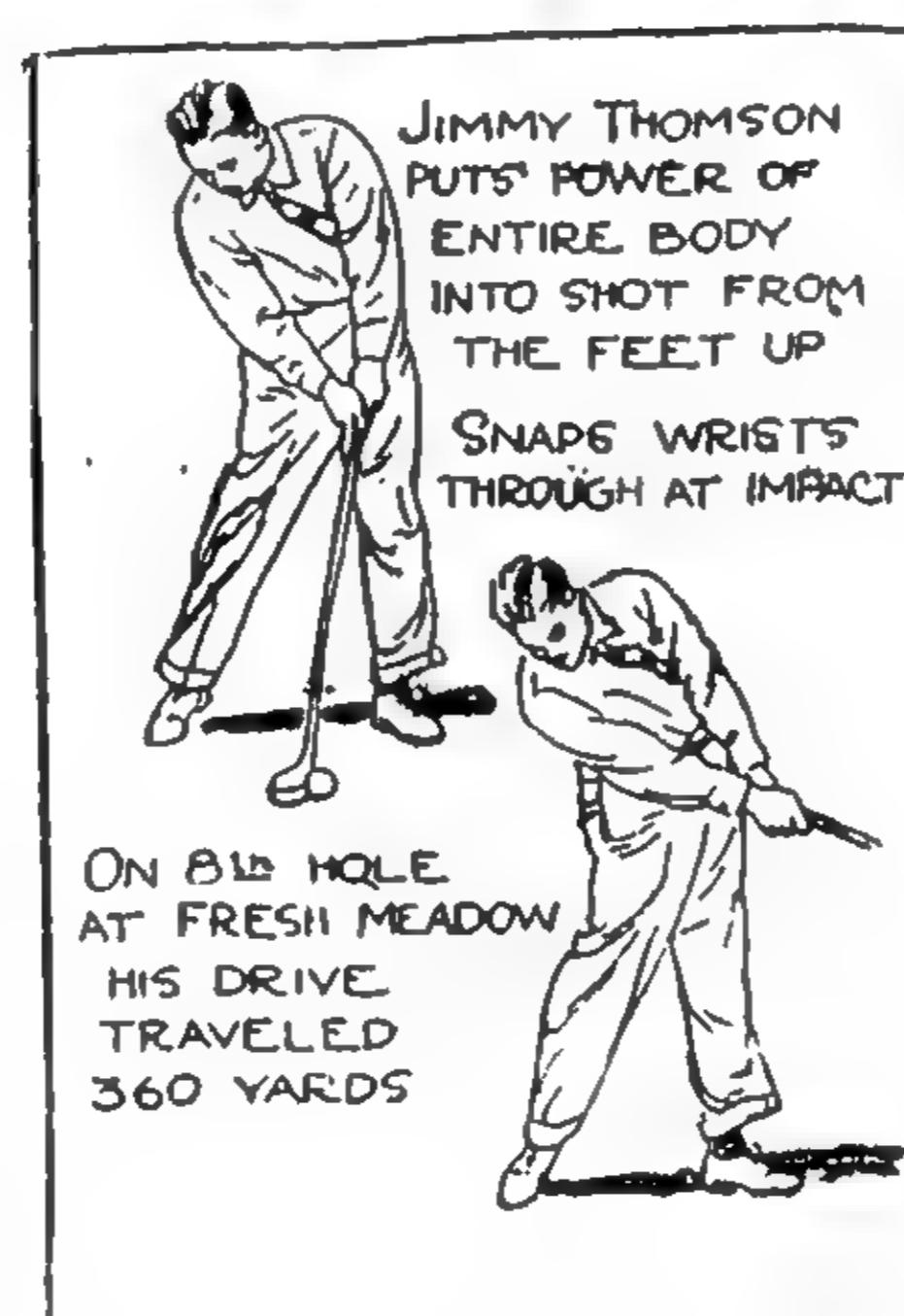
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LONG DRIVER

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While Jimmy Thomson finished last in the recent Goodall Round-Robin tournament, his power off the tee proved as much a magnet for the crowds as ever. On the 437 yd. eighth hole, he powdered the apple 360 yards straight down the middle of the fairway, his longest drive of the year. Thomson modestly admits a breeze helped him gain this yardage, nevertheless the ball had to be hit perfectly. Not all of his shots are, for Jimmy occasionally has a tendency to hook and when this happens one can be assured that it is a real hook.

Thomson makes full use of his powerful physique on his drives, hitting as he puts it "from the soles of his feet up" and enlisting hips, back, shoulders and arms in the process. One of his big assets is a pair of lively wrists enabling him to snap the clubhead through at impact. Co-operating together these fac-



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tors give great clubhead velocity. Apparently the clubhead acceleration begins to fall off shortly before impact in all golfers' strokes but Thomson's powerful, pliable wrists reduce this slowing down to a minimum. Next Article:—What Practice Can Do.

DERBY WINNERS TO REMAIN IN ENGLAND

American offers for Hyperion, 1933 Derby winner, and Blue Peter, 1939 Derby winner, have been definitely refused.

Breeding authorities are unanimous that Hyperion is the best young stallion produced in England in the last 50 years and could command £70,000, despite the depreciated value of bloodstock.—Reuter.

R.A.O.C. PLAYERS REGISTERED

Following players have been registered by Royal Army Ordnance Corps with Hong Kong Football Association for the coming soccer season:—G. W. Thompson, H. Standing, W. E. D. Roberts, J. Reynolds, R. D. Pinder, A. Fennington, A. Jack, V. E. Hewittson, H. Harland, N. C. Harding, F. E. Gardner, J. R. Emberton, S. J. Duffield and J. S. R. Adams.

Ray Robinson, Philadelphia negro who has been boxing as a professional for years, remains unbeaten following a decision in a 10-round bout against Sammy Angott, world lightweight champion, according to National Boxing Association. The title was not at stake, but Robinson floored Angott twice in the second round and clearly won seven rounds.

ORACLE TO BE SHOT 2nd In Austral Derby

Followers of racing will be sorry to learn that it has been found necessary to destroy Oracle, 1941 Australian pony (griffin) belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, whose pony Oolong won the Derby at the last Annual Meeting.

In an interview with the "China Mail," Mr. Li said that it was discovered after the Annual Meeting that Oracle had a stiff coil bone. It was thought, however, that this would yield to treatment and this theory was, to all appearances, borne out by the fact that Oracle won the Oakleigh Plate, last race on the programme at the First Extra Meeting, when it covered the Mile in 1.44, the full times for that distance being 24.3/5; 50.1/5; 1.17 2/5 and 1.44.

Oracle made its first appearance on the local track in the Austral Valley Stakes on the First Day of the Annual Meeting, when it ran unplaced. The next day, however, it somewhat upset calculations by being second to Distant View (Mr. Pih) in the Austral Derby, paying \$19.50 for a place bet. These two, however, were the only successes recorded by a pony which showed every promise of developing into one of the best representatives of the Li stable—it won \$2,500 in all in stakes money.

Wins On Three Legs

"ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT REALISE IT AT THE TIME, ORACLE ACTUALLY WON THE OAKLEIGH PLATE ON THREE LEGS," SAID MR. LI, WHO ADDED THAT HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER FOR A VERY GAME PONY.

"Mr. Needa, who took Oracle out on each occasion that it started, claims that Oracle is the best pony he had ridden," Mr. Li added. "Major Hogg and Major Simpson have done all they can for the pony, but I am afraid we will have to destroy it now. Such a sad end to a promising career," he said.

Mr. Li said that Oracle, together with his other ponies, was sent out to Fanling for Summer grazing, but one day, about a month ago, Oracle collapsed and could not get up again. The pony was taken back to the stables, where everything was done for it, but to no avail.

Speaking about Oolong, his crack pony, and Confusion Bay, Mr. Li said that they were both in very good shape, adding that Oolong would be sent out in the St. Leger, which Mr. Li was, not unnaturally, anxious to win.

BICYCLE TIME TRIAL PRIZES

The prize distribution to winners of the 25-miles bicycle time trial, held on the Castle Peak Road on July 9, took place at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday.

Before presenting the prizes, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Chief Air Raid Warden for Kowloon said: "This trial was conceived by Mr. C. K. Chu, executive Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Ingtnam to stimulate interest in the A.R.P. Messenger Corps."

Prize-winners were:—1, A. J. Sandberg, La Salle College; 2, Kwong Man-sui, St. Joseph's College; 3, Yip Wing-kin, St. Joseph's College.

Prizes were presented to the following schools:—1, La Salle College; 2, St. Joseph's College.

Two girls competed and made a very good show, said Mr. Murphy. They could not be expected to win but their keenness was commendable. Two pennants were presented to them. They were, Miss Heung Siu-chung and Miss Chung Chung-man, of the school of Practical Accountancy.

In a dull championship fight held at the Salle Wagram, Paris, on July 10, Charles Rutz was awarded the title of French heavyweight champion after he had won on points against Jose Rabelo.



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Army Cricketer & Ruggerite Killed

Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, 100, Hady Crescent, Hady Hill, Chesterfield, have been notified that their only son, Staff-Sergt. Leo H. Smith (27), Royal Corps of Signals, who was posted missing on June 4, 1940, has died in France, presumably killed in action.

Sergt. Smith was educated at Chesterfield Grammar School and joined Royal Corps of Signals eight years ago. He was a keen athlete and held the light heavyweight championship of the Northern Command before proceeding to China, where he spent four years as a confidential clerk in the G.O.C. China Command.

Whilst in China he represented the Army in Rugger and Cricket.

On returning to England he immediately went to France, at the outbreak of war. He was about to take a commission. His father served 2 1/2 years in the last war, being in the Gallipoli campaign and also in France. He was unmarried, and before joining the Forces worked for the Electricity department of Chesterfield Corporation.

Trials will be held at V.R.C. this evening at 8 p.m., to select the combined Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. team to meet the Combined Chinese in a charity meeting held on Saturday, August 9.

CHUNG HWA SCORE 6-3 WIN OVER SOUTH CHINA IN WEEK-END BALL TILT

By "Grandstand"

ONLY ONE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME WAS PLAYED OFF DURING THE WEEK-END, WHEN CHUNG HWA MAROONS EKED OUT A NARROW TRIUMPH OVER SOUTH CHINA ON SATURDAY, BEFORE A HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS (WHICH COULD ONLY BY COURTESY BE CALLED A CROWD), THE SLIGHT DOWNPOUR ON SUNDAY MORNING RENDERING RAILWAY CORNER UNSUITABLE FOR PLAY, CAUSING THE MINDANAO—ROYAL ENGINEERS TILT TO BE POSTPONED.

BASEBALL LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

Following are the latest baseball batting averages of .300 or over:

	Games	Pct.
Kwan, W. T. (S.C.)	3	.571
Mascavage, T. (Min.)	6	.500
Abbas, R. A. (H.B.)	5	.467
Arculli, O. (H.B.)	5	.467
All, H. (H.B.)	4	.429
Leis (Ash.)	2	.429
Waggoner, C. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.379
Ruel, H. (Min.)	6	.379
Molthen, F. J. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.379
Alves, T. (H.B.)	5	.379
Foley, B. (R.E.)	7	.379
Rhoades (Ash.)	2	.379
Wilson, E. V. (Min.)	6	.375
Schaberg, J. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.368
Bowen, J. (H.B.)	4	.361
Ratcliffe (R.E.)	6	.357
Elder, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.350
Fox, T. (R.E.)	6	.350
Chan, M. (C. Hwa)	5	.333
Cravy, D. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.333
Crumm (Ash.)	1	.333
Langford, C. (Ash.)	2	.333
Goff, D. (Ash.)	1	.333
Gosano, G. (H.B.)	3	.333
Shum (C. Hwa)	5	.333
Pawlowski, L. (Min.)	6	.314
Lo, K. (C. Hwa)	4	.307
Moy, E. (S.C.)	7	.300
Bowersox (Min.)	6	.300
Leonard, D. (H.B.)	5	.300
Leung, F. C. (C. Hwa)	4	.300
Strahl, R. (Min.)	5	.288
Chung, R. (C. Hwa)	2	.285
Moore (Min.)	6	.283
Lau, A. (C. Hwa)	6	.283
Pau, M. P. (S.C.)	2	.250
Leight, L. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.250
Sawyer, C. (Ash.)	2	.250
Watkins (Ash.)	2	.250
Souza, G. (H.B.)	5	.238
Arculli, M. (H.B.)	5	.235
Higgins, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.235
Sarsfield, M. (R.E.)	8	.235
Ching, W. (C. Hwa)	3	.230
Hussain, J. (H.B.)	4	.222
Oroneck (Min.)	4	.200
Ma, Nelson (S.C.)	7	.200
Lo, D. (Ash.)	6	.182
Wingless, H. (S.C.)	7	.174
DiGiocomo (Ash.)	2	.167
Waller (H.K.B.C.)	4	.167
Welford, J. (R.E.)	7	.167
Wingless, C. (S.C.)	7	.166
Fittinghoff, D. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.166
Taylor (R.E.)	7	.130
Hamlin, L. (H.K.B.C.)	4	.125
Lawrence, B. C. (H.K.B.C.)	3	.125
Chinn, H. (S.C.)	4	.125
Chang, B. (C. Hwa)	6	.117
Shaw, M. (R.E.)	7	.116
Johnson, B. (H.K.B.C.)	5	.100
Loong, T. H. (C. Hwa)	6	.100
Ng, C. W. (S.C.)	7	.095
Lau, P. I. (S.C.)	6	.077
Woo, W. (C. Hwa)	5	.077
Kennard (Min.)	6	.071
Cork (R.E.)	5	.067
Choy, P. F. (C. Hwa)	5	.067
Leonard, S. (H.B.)	4	.063
Wong, C. W. (S.C.)	6	.063
Oliver, G. (H.K.B.C.)	7	.059
Gray, B. (R.E.)	6	.000
Ho, B. K. (C. Hwa)	5	.000
Harper (R.E.)	4	.000
Jones (R.E.)	3	.000
Chan, Y. T. (C. Hwa)	3	.000
Brood (Ash.)	2	.000
Haigh (Ash.)	2	.000
Bakar (H.B.)	1	.000
Fitch, P. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Gough (R.E.)	1	.000
Governale (Ash.)	1	.000
Kramer (Ash.)	1	.000
Lim, V. (S.C.)	1	.000
Morev (Ash.)	1	.000
Morris, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Pang, S. K. (S.C.)	1	.000
Soerry, M. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Smith, W. A. (H.K.B.C.)	2	.000
Vaughan (Ash.)	1	.000
Walker, D. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Wells (R.E.)	1	.000
Wong, J. C. (S.C.)	1	.000
Wong, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000

BUDGE'S NEW FACE AS WEDDING GIFT

Donald Budge, world-famous tennis star, is honeymooning in the Middle West not only with a new wife but also with a new face given to him as a wedding present by a distinguished plastic surgeon.

Dr. Maxwell Maltz of New York, admits that he lifted Budge's receding chin, straightened his nose, and delighted Dierdre Conselman, who is now Budge's wife.

Lanky, carrot-haired Budge had

long been sensitive over his face,

about which American sports

columnists were cruelly critical.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Two matches in the Open League Basketball were decided at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, last evening and resulted as follows:

Wah Kiu 52 Batik Union 27
Black Cats 46 Yo Leung 37
Black Cats were originally slated to meet V.R.C. who, however, could not field a team owing to volunteer duties.

DID YOU KNOW?

On June 28, 1941, the Athletics defeated Troy in a National Association (Inter-National League) game, 49 to 33. It took 4h. 30m.

Ring History Against Conn

Ever since David took a pot-shot at Goliath, who was the heavyweight champion in his time, the little fellows down through the ages have been rearing up and challenging the behemoths to "c'mon out and fight," writes an American boxing reporter.

Few, however, have been as successful as Lil' Davey. The books show that only two light-heavies ever achieved boxing's number one spot—and neither hung around for very long.

First, and by far the best of the ambitious encroachers, was Ruby Bob Fitzsimmons. Back in 1897, the lean, oddly built Englishman sank his famous solar plexus blow deep into Jim Corbett's midriff, putting Jim (1) on the canvas; (2) on the "ex-champ" list. But the next time out, Fitz was battered to the floor in eleven rounds by big Jim Jeffries.

"Cheese" Champ

Next "little" man, and the last to ascend the throne, was Tommy Burns. Burns was strictly a cheese champ, having knocked over a bunch of nondescript contenders before out-pointing Marvin Hart for the crown. Hart himself was a polooka, who won the title in a controversial elimination contest after Jim Jeffries had retired.

In 1908, two years after he became champ, Burns met "untalented" Jack Johnson and almost drowned in his own pool of blood before Sydney (Australia) police mercifully stopped the slaughter in the 14th.

First challenger to take a crack at Johnson was Stan Ketchel. The Michigan Assassin spotted the champ, 65 pounds and absorbed terrible punishment before collapsing under a sweeping right uppercut in the twelfth.

"Morocco" Bats Well

Chung Hwa first-sacker, Morocco Chan, batting in the clean-up slot, earned batting honours with a two-in-three performance, chipping in four of his mates with a brace of timely singles.

Richard Chung poled out the longest blow of the fracas with a three-bagger to left, whilst Ernie Moy accounted for the other extra-bases knock with a ringing double.

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THEY "CASHED IN"

When a day's racing was called off at Santa Anita recently owing to a stable-hands' strike, admission money was refunded. And that was where the deadheads scored. In refunding admission, parking and race card fees, the club paid out between \$2,500 and \$3,000 more than it received from the 20,000 who were at the meet.

Only one man has since made the foolhardy step, and that was John Henry Lewis. In January, 1939, John Henry met his close pal, Joe Louis. The friendship was suspended for exactly 2 minutes and 59 seconds, after which period John was carried back to his corner by Pal Joey and the friendship resumed.

Billy Conn had a stab at what no other light-heavyweight has accomplished since Tommy Burns turned the trick 35 years ago. Precedent was against him. Though Billy lost to Joe Louis, he won't be the last fighter in his class to take a shot at the top man. There's something about the loser's end of heavyweight championship gate that saves a lot of wounds.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB HAVE NEARLY 200 MEMBERS

An increase in membership by 62, making almost 200 in all, as against the original 20 members when the club was founded six years ago, was reported at the annual meeting of Equine Sports Club last Sunday.

During the year \$2,320.50 was donated to the War Fund, and the Club purchased a plot of land at Tung Lo Wan, just beneath the Indian Farm, where it is hoped to erect a new club house in the near future.

Following are the new officials: President, Mr. T. J. Hemsley; Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Leitch; Secretary, Mr. E. G. Collings; Committee, Messrs. A. Bone, R. Buchanan, C. T. Chan, J. C. Gill, F. W. Grinter, H. P. Lim and L. Visser.

Noel Hammond, former Shanghai Interport swimmer and holder of the 100 Yards free-style record of the Northern port, has returned to Hong Kong from Australia, where he spent a short holiday leave.

NAZIS BOG DOWN

War Becomes Stationary In Smolensk Sector

SECOND NAZI NOTE TO LA PAZ

The expulsion of the German Minister in Lapaz, Herr Wendler, has led to a second Note being addressed by the German Government to the Bolivian Government.

Referring to the document published by the Bolivian Military Attaché in Berlin, Major Delmonte, to Herr Wendler, the German Note describes it as "at first sight nothing more than a clumsy forgery."

The Note goes on to point out that Herr Wendler immediately telegraphed to Berlin stating that he had never received such a letter and had never entered into any kind of communication with Major Delmonte. It adds that Major Delmonte declared to the German Foreign Office that he had never sent such a letter to the German Minister nor ever sent him any letter or received one from him.

Sharply Protest

The German Note concludes: "Major Delmonte has expressed a wish to make his declaration in public.

In the face of this, the German Government must declare that the Bolivian Government, at the instigation of a third party, and without an attempt at explaining the facts, have lent themselves to a procedure against diplomatic representa-

German Thrust For Leningrad Stopped

INDICATIONS THAT THE RUSSO-GERMAN CAMPAIGN HAS DEVELOPED INTO POSITIONAL WARFARE, THE GERMANS BEING UNABLE TO MAINTAIN BLITZKRIEG TACTICS, ARE CONTAINED IN NEUTRAL DESPATCHES.

"Undoubtedly the war has become stationary in the critical central sector of the eastern front (round Smolensk) where the fighting has been very hard," declared the Berlin correspondent of the "Berlin Nachrichten."

Reports from the front, adds which district "was, of course, not taken into account by previous communiques."

The "Explanation"

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" explains the hold-up of the German offensive by saying: "A big battle is proceeding against the very strong Russian Army in order to enable the German Army to continue the war of movement."

A fortnight ago, the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reported that Berlin was expecting the fall of Kiev within a few hours.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique issued yesterday says: "Our troops continue fighting in the directions of Smolensk and Zhitomir. The enemy offensive is breaking against the strong and stubborn fighting of our troops who in certain places are energetically counter-attacking and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. There are no important battles elsewhere."

"In other directions and sectors of the front, there is nothing of importance. Our air forces are cooperating with the land troops operating against large enemy formations of aircraft and aerodromes."

"A total of 109 German planes were shot down on July 26, when our losses were 36. The Baltic coastal defences sank a torpedo boat and two patrol boats. We lost one torpedo boat."—Reuter.

Battle-Cruiser Bombed

Yesterday afternoon's Soviet communique stated: "There were all-night Red Army actions in the directions of Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir, but elsewhere there is nothing of importance to report."

Soviet aviation attacked enemy units in co-ordination with the land forces and also bombed the aerodrome and oil city of Constanza. A Finnish battle-cruiser was also bombed and Soviet pilots report direct hits, followed by a powerful explosion. A German transport ship and motor-barge on the way to Finland with war materials were reported sunk by the Soviet Air Force, while a Soviet patrol boat found four enemy fliers in a rubber boat in the Baltic. When captured, these fliers said their plane had made a forced landing after being damaged by shore defence batteries."—British Wireless.

SAMPAN MISHAP

A sampan overturned, and its three occupants, including a woman, were thrown into the water at the southern entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon following a collision with a steam launch. The junk people were rescued.

TRANSFERRED

Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey, Chief Detective Inspector for Kowloon, has been transferred to the Special Branch.

Inspector Carey served in the same branch a few years ago.

CABINET CHANGES IN AMMAN

IT IS REPORTED FROM AMMAN, CAPITAL OF TRANS-JORDANIA, THAT THE KEY MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE PRIME MINISTER, TEWFIK PASHA ABOU HOUDA, IN THE NEW CABINET.

Tewfik Pasha yesterday offered his resignation to the Emir Abdullah, who accepted it but, at the same time, requested him to form a new Cabinet.

With the office of Prime Minister, he also assumed the portfolios of Defence and Foreign Affairs. The new Cabinet includes two former Ministers. —Reuter.

TOBRUK PATROL ACTIVITY

A communique issued by G.H.Q. Cairo, states that at Tobruk, the Australian patrol mentioned in Sunday's communique remained in the positions captured and finally withdrew on Saturday night after inflicting further casualties on the enemy.

After dark on Saturday, three strong enemy patrols approached our lines. This half-hearted attempt at retaliatory raiding was driven off by rifle fire alone with no casualties to our troops.

In the frontier area, two strong enemy patrols of all arms circulated during Sunday afternoon in a south-westerly direction. After being engaged throughout by our mobile troops, both columns were finally forced to withdraw. —British Wireless.

JAPANESE DISEMBARKATION COMMENCES

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Detailed Agreement

"A detailed agreement confirming the carrying out of the agreement between Japan and France for the joint defence of French Indo-China was concluded last Wednesday," it is announced by the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

According to a Domel despatch

from Saigon quoted by the Tokyo Radio, negotiations for the conclusion of this detailed agreement were started last Wednesday morning and were brought to an amicable conclusion at 8 p.m. the same day.

The agreement was reached between Major-General Sumita, Head of the Japanese Military mission, and Vice-Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China. —Reuter.

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Well-informed quarters this morning denied reports that the Japanese authorities in Canton were contemplating closing the Pearl River as from August 1.

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SPEEDY FLARE-UP UNLIKELY American Estimate Of Situation

TOKYO TO GO SLOW

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent says that with the freezing action by the N.E.I., Japan now faces complete isolation economically, except in Japanese dominated areas of the Asiatic Continent.

It is expected in Tokyo that this situation will be borne silently for the present, but an explosion will be imminent as soon as the adverse effects are noticeable.

Meanwhile, the present tendency will be to be as lenient as possible, according to the policy followed by others. — Reuter.

GERMAN CONSUL ARRESTED IN BOLIVIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The German Consul, Herr Luftschi, and his wife, have been arrested in Bolivia, according to a message from Buenos Aires. The arrests are reported to be in connection with the Nazi plot.—International News Service.

EXPERT ESTIMATE OF ENORMOUS GERMAN LOSSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMANS have lost at least 6,000 tanks and armoured cars and at least 700,000 men in the Russian campaign already, says a well-informed foreign military expert, who has arrived in Ankara from Moscow.

"I can state absolutely," he said, "that Russian resistance has upset all German calculations, and thrown all their plans out of gear."

Months ago, he stated, the German High Command ordered an assessment of the possibilities of a Russian invasion and the campaign was based upon the conclusion that the Germans could break through decisively in three weeks, and that the whole campaign would take a maximum of six weeks.

"It would not be in those generals' shoes to-day," said the expert, who added that he now believes that the Russians still have the greater armoured force, and that for the Germans the time element is beginning to take on the shape of a nightmare with Smolensk the most important key position in the campaign.

Situation In Hand

As long as the Russians were capable of counter-attacks, such as the Germans have admitted in the last two days, it is certain that the Russian Command still has the situation in hand and that morale is good.

"Russia to-day is equally well equipped as Germany with artillery, small arms and transport, and has a much larger force, bigger

than Germany can bring to bear." — International News Service.

Oil Supply Question

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Trading in silk futures has been suspended on the New York commodity market, as a result of the freezing order against Japan.

Washington officials who are in charge of the handling of American-Japanese relations decline to comment on the announcement that Tokyo will enforce the freezing order against United States firms and nationals only in

Direction Of New Thrust May Be Altered

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALTHOUGH THE RATIFICATION OF THE JAPANESE AGREEMENT WITH INDO-CHINA BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL IN TOKYO YESTERDAY, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE EMPEROR HIROHITO, IS A POINT IN THE SERIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF WHICH IS NOT OVERLOOKED, GENERAL OPINION IN WELL-INFORMED WASHINGTON QUARTERS IS THAT THE PROSPECTS OF AN EARLY FLARE-UP IN THE FAR EAST HAS DIMINISHED.

Official quarters believe that the economic blockade of Japan by the United States, the British Empire and the Netherlands East Indies, virtually isolating her economically, taken in conjunction with the defence measures in the Pacific, will delay any further Japanese southward thrust for at least a year.

Rather than risk the virtual certainty of war against the combined strength of Britain, the United States and the N.E.I., observers in Washington predict that the direction of any further Japanese thrust will be towards China's back door, the Burma Road, or the Siberian Maritime Provinces.

An attack in more than one direction is deemed impracticable.

In Washington's view, an attack on Singapore, the N.E.I. or the Philippines is very unlikely, despite Japan's dependence on outside sources for tin, rubber, oil and cotton.

IT IS RECOGNISED, NEVERTHELESS, THAT AS THE STRAIN OF THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE IS INCREASINGLY FELT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO WATCH CAREFULLY FOR SIGNS OF AN EXPLOSION.

Japan's Answer

Japan, meantime, has settled down to engage in economic war with the Democracies. Mr. Ogura, the Finance Minister, having declared that Japanese policies will be guided by the actions of Britain and the American Gov-

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the degree that they are forced by American action.

IT IS THE OPINION THAT OIL SUPPLIES TO JAPAN WILL NOT BE ENTIRELY CUT OFF FOR THE PRESENT UNLESS THE JAPANESE TAKE A STEP AGAINST THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Japanese Report

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WILD RUMOURS IN SHANGHAI

Business Circles Shocked By Export Ban Report

Fears Leave Morale Unshaken

THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST HAS OUSTED THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR FROM THE MAIN HEADLINES IN ALL SHANGHAI NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

The citizens of Shanghai were dazed all day long yesterday as wild rumours succeeded each other in rapid succession and the Chinese dollar fluctuated violently.

There is, however, not the slightest questioning among Britons and allied nationals of the parallel action by the United States and the British Empire against Japan, despite the fears that it may end all Shanghai's non-Japanese trade for the duration.

ANGLO-DUTCH CONFERENCE IN LONDON

The Far Eastern situation was discussed in London yesterday between Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Van Kleffens, the Netherlands' Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

JAPAN IN POSITION OF THREAT

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

"Japan has placed herself in a military position vis-a-vis vital British interests in the Far East."

This extract from the speech in Australia yesterday of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, quoted in a Sydney Radio broadcast picked up in the United States, has been given wide prominence in American newspapers.

Mr. Menzies added: "Australia will not fail to defend the zones she is committed to defend."

It is clear that the Japanese have not obtained bases in Indo-China in order to defend herself against anyone, yet she obtained them by threat of force, said the Australian Prime Minister.—International News Service.

A trainload of Nazi diplomats from the United States, 129 in all, including Captain Wiedemann, arrived yesterday in Berlin. It is stated that after a conference with von Ribbentrop, Captain Wiedemann will go to Yokohama as German Consul-General, though it is not explained how he is to get there.—International News Service.

TATUTA MARU MAY NOW DOCK

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An assurance given by Mr. Sumner Welles, to Admiral Nomura that detention of Japanese ships is not intended is expected to lead to instructions to the Tatuta Maru to put into San Francisco.—International News Service.

PHILIPPINE PLEDGES

PRESIDENT QUEZON YES-
TERDAY TELEGRAPHED
COLONEL STIMSON VOICING
GRATIFICATION AT THE
APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTEN-
ANT GENERAL MACARTHUR,
AND REPEATING THE
PLEDGE OF LOYALTY AND
COOPERATION TO THE
UNITED STATES.

It is significant to note that the Socialist communities of Pampanga, known in the Philippines as the "Red Belt," in a joint statement, pledged loyalty to the United States and their readiness to fight under the leadership of Lieutenant-General MacArthur against all foes of democracy.

JAPAN WANTS PEACE

The Japanese Consul in Manila stated to the Press yesterday that Japan wants peace unless she is provoked beyond human endurance.

The Japanese will not fight, he added, and continued that there was no sense in fighting because the winner will lose in the end.—Reuter.

JAPANESE SHIPPING CAUTION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Japanese liner, S.S. Matsumoto Maru is reported to be lying off Singapore awaiting clarification of the "freezing" order.—International News Service.

Reuter reports from Bombay that two Japanese steamers, the Melbourne Maru and the Tomagawa Maru, which were due there on Sunday, did not arrive. Their Bombay agents have no advice about the cause of their delay.

The Bombay agents of the ships scout the report that the vessels did not touch at Bombay owing to apprehension that they might be held in Bombay owing to the freezing of Japanese assets.

An official of the O.S.K. line stated that the Melbourne Maru might have been delayed by rough seas. He did not believe that the freezing of Japanese assets affected the position of Japanese ships in Indian ports.

Her cargo, he added, was mainly raw cotton, booking for shipment to Japan by the Melbourne Maru. The Havana Maru is the only Japanese ship now in Bombay.

In this connection, it is pointed out that the only action taken in India was by the Government of India through the Reserve Bank and this was intended to block Japanese assets in the country.

Japan's Commitments

The Reserve Bank instructed all banks that accounts of Japanese nationals and firms must be blocked, but provided for the honouring of obligations entered into prior to July 20.

Except that it will act as an indirect impediment on Japan making large purchases, prevent remittances to Japan and bar Japanese from drawing unreservedly upon their banking accounts, it is urged that the Order has no further implication. It will not restrict the movement of Japanese ships in Indian harbours nor hamper the Japanese from shipping the large quantities of cotton she has already purchased. It is estimated roughly that the commitments of Japan in cotton totals over 250,000 bales.—Reuter.



A picture symbolical of London's spirit. Londoners making their way past debris-strewn pavements by bus, car and cycle, on their way to work as usual in the morning after a night raid.

JAPANESE DISEMBARKATION COMMENCES

THE DISEMBARKATION of Japanese forces in southern Indo-China has begun at Nhatrang, just north of Camranh Bay.

The aerodromes to be utilised by the Japanese in addition to Saigon are in the Siemreap area, at Nhatrang in Tourane, in the middle of the Annam coastline, in Bienhoa near Saigon, in Soctrang at the mouth of the Mekong River, in Komongtom near the Great Lake Cambodia and in Phnompenh, capital of Cambodia.

Japanese troops began disembarking in Southern Indo-China yesterday, it is officially announced in Hanoi.

The Japanese are being permitted to use eight aerodromes under the agreement, including Saigon and Siemreap, near Angkor, on the new Thai border.

The strength of the troops landing is not disclosed.

Main Bodies To-day

THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN SAIGON STATED YESTERDAY THAT AS A RESULT OF AN URGENT RADIO REQUEST 190 MILITARY LORRIES HAD ARRIVED FROM HANOI.

The vanguard of the main bodies of the Japanese troops are believed to be on four transports and four destroyers which will arrive in Saigon to-day.

British and American business

men anticipating a peaceful occupation are remaining in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Detailed Agreement

"A detailed agreement confirming the carrying out of the agreement between Japan and France for the joint defence of French Indo-China was concluded last Wednesday," it is announced by the Japanese Military Mission in Indo-China.

According to a Domel despatch from Saigon, quoted by the Tokyo Radio, "negotiations for the conclusion of this detailed agreement were started last Wednesday morning and were brought to an amicable conclusion at 8 p.m. the same day."

The agreement was reached between Major-General Sumita, Head of the Japanese Military mission, and Vice-Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China.—Reuter.

Britain And United States Consult On Far East Moves

TO PURSUE PARALLEL COURSES

MR. SUMNER WELLES, United States acting Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, intimated that the United States and Great Britain are pursuing parallel courses in the Far East and will frequently confer on their objectives.

Mr. Welles added that the United States and Britain will frequently exchange views with other independent nations interested in the Far East.

He declined to elucidate the policy of the United States in regard to oil shipments to Japan under the President's recent "freeze" order.

He denied that there was any agreement to take the total Mexican oil production, but said he was optimistic about the future settlement of oil and other problems between the United States and Mexico.

Reviewing Events

LORD HALIFAX, BRITISH AMBASSADOR OF WASHINGTON, CALLED UPON THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. SUMNER WELLES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE ECONOMIC MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST JAPAN.

Lord Halifax told a press conference that a review of the Far East situation was intended in the light of the Japanese move into Indo-China and the swift retaliatory measures by the United States and British Empire countries.

N.Z. In Line

That the New Zealand Government is taking action against Japan similar to the United States and Britain was announced in Wellington yesterday, states a Reuter message from that city.

Nomura Sees Wells

Before conferring yesterday with Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, about the freezing of Japanese assets in the United States, Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador in Washington, told newspapermen that he understood that Japanese ships were not subject to the freezing order.

He hoped to clarify this, and other questions, at the State Department, he added.—Reuter.

Mr. Sumner Welles informed the Japanese Ambassador that prompt clearance will be granted to Japanese ships from American ports.—Reuter.

U.S. Invitation To Latin America

Mr. Sumner Welles in Washington yesterday intimated that the United States would welcome parallel action by other American nations of the economic control measures against Japan.

Stressing that Latin American countries were free to act in any way they deemed advisable, he cited the steps already taken to ensure access by the United States to Latin American defence materials and to prevent the export of such goods from the United States.

Asked specially about the possibility that Venezuela might refuse to sell oil to Japan, Mr. Welles replied that it was solely a question for Venezuela to decide.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH VISIT

Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, who is a native of Scotland, yesterday visited industrial establishments on Clydeside. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE TRADE TO CEASE?

The Government's decision to freeze Japanese assets in India, and similar action by the Japanese Government in respect of Indian assets in Japan, is expected by well-informed circles in India to lead to the complete cessation of Indo-Japanese trade, says a message from Simla.

Indian exports to Japan for the year ended March 31, 1941 totalled £675,206 and her imports from Japan amounted to £1,616,100.

Although no mention of trade was made in the order by either Government, it is probable that the freezing orders will not affect goods which are ready for shipment and which had been paid for by either country.

The Government of India's order does not affect Japanese goods for which payment has already been made.

No trade agreement exists between Japan and India at present, but the Commercial Convention requires Japan to take from India cotton to the value of India's imports of Japanese textiles. The Convention is now under six months' notice of termination.

COURTESY CALL AT GIBRALTAR

A MOST FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE CHARACTERISED THE FIRST VISIT TO LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AT GIBRALTAR, OF THE NEWLY-APPOINTED GOVERNOR OF ALGEIRAS, GENERAL DON FERNANDO BARRON YORITZ.

A Guard of Honour was mounted and the naval, military and air force staffs and colonial government officials were present.

The Governor was given a 17-gun salute upon his arrival and departure from Gibraltar. — Reuter.

THREE CANADIANS DROWN

Sappers Douglas Ainsworth Lott and William Platt, both 20 and John Higgins, 21, all of Canadian R.E., were drowned at Waggoners Wells beauty spot on Surrey-Hants border at Grayshott, when a boat capsized.

NETHERLANDS TO HOLD NO PARLEYS WITH AXIS

THE DETERMINATION of the Netherlands Government to hold no parley whatsoever with the Nazi regime was reaffirmed in an announcement in London yesterday stating that Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina had approved of a number of ministerial appointments.

The only change in personnel is in the defence department. In view of the great importance attached particularly in the present circumstances to the Netherlands Navy, a separate Navy Department has been created.

This department will function under Admiral Furstner, who was Chief of the Naval Staff in 1938 and this year was made Commander-in-Chief in European waters.

The Netherlands Government reiterates that the entire conduct of affairs and the method of working will continue to be directed to participating most energetically with the Allies and the United States in the prosecution of the war, for regaining their complete independence and for preparation of solution of the problems which will occur after the war.

Neither discussions nor negotiations with Hitler and his conspirators, it was stated, will be entered into.

Radio Orange

Every effort which the Kingdom of the Netherlands is capable of will be made in order to assist in the liquidation of the present day Nazi Germany.

To-morrow, Queen Wilhelmina will address, through the medium of Radio Orange, all Netherlandsers in Europe and in territories overseas. — Reuter.



SAVED BY HIS DINGHY—After shooting down one German plane and damaging two others, Fit. Lt. A. M. Campbell, an English pilot with a New Zealand Squadron, had a remarkable escape. He was forced to bale out and had to hide under his dinghy while German planes circled round. He was picked up by a rescue launch 2½ hours later, somewhat bruised but otherwise fit. The skipper of the rescue launch asked for his wings as a memento. Photo shows Fit. Lt. Campbell (right), showing his wings to fellow pilots.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE GENERAL KILLED IN ACTION

General Federigi, of the Italian Air Force, has been killed in an air combat over Malta, reports the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung." He took part in many bombing raids, including those on Haifa, and held the silver medal for gallantry.—Reuter.

SUPPORT FOR MR. MENZIES

AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE AUSTRALIAN UNITED PARTY, WHICH, WITH THE COUNTRY PARTY, COMPRISES THE COMMONWEALTH MINISTERIAL PARTY, SPOKE AT A SPECIAL MEETING YES-TERDAY IN FAVOUR OF MR. MENZIES AND REQUESTED HIM TO CONTINUE HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY.

At the close of the meeting at Canberra, which was somewhat stormy and lasted five hours, Mr. Menzies announced that he was making an aeroplane tour of South Australia and Tasmania which he had not visited since his return from England and America. — Reuter.

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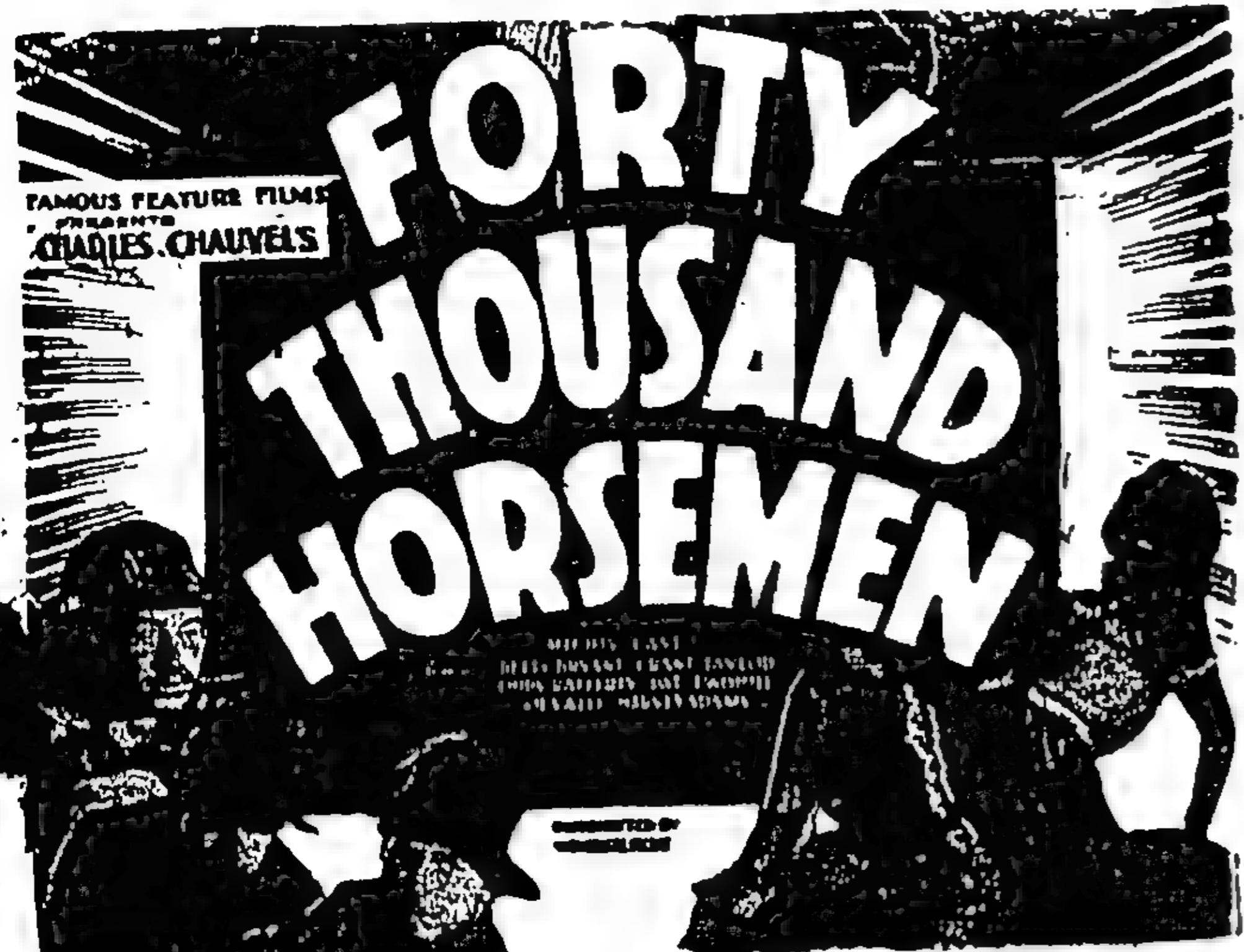
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GERMANS FIND EXCUSE IN ARMY'S DISCOMFORT

GERMAN PROPAGANDA, excusing the slow progress on the eastern front continues to emphasise the difficulties the troops are encountering.

Describing conditions on the Russo-Finnish border, the Berlin correspondent of the Berne newspaper "Buid," says "An endless column of heavily laden soldiers march gasping and cursing through a nightmare of endless forests.

"There are no roads, no communications, no lorries, no motor-cycles. Only absolute essentials of equipment are carried, overcoats and blankets being left behind, though the nights are terribly cold and damp.

"The days are frightfully hot, while millions of mosquitoes swarm over the labouring soldiers' heads.

"Often the troops must wade knee deep through black swamps. These forests provide the best cover for the Russians, for the Germans cannot see the enemy. As soon as the Germans enter the forest they meet with a withering fire from Russians who are in the trees, here, there and everywhere."

CAMOUFLAGED FORTS

Another difficulty, the correspondent continues, is that "Soviet forts are constructed as part of

HARD HIT BUT SAFE HOME

Although his aircraft was so severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, that both engines eventually cut out, the captain of one of our heavy bombers brought it home from Kiel the other night and landed with only one slight casualty among the crew, writes a Home Correspondent.

When the aircraft arrived over the target it was met by fierce anti-aircraft fire and many searchlights. One cone of light caught and held the aircraft, but the captain kept over the target and successfully bombed his objective.

"Shells were bursting all about us," he said. "We could hear them and we could smell them—the same smell you get on a busy shooting range. Mingling with it was the smell of petrol when one of the tanks was hit. By diving and climbing and making sharp turns we managed to escape.

"At one moment we got into a spin but pulled out, though not before the dinghy, in its box, had fallen eight feet and hit the navigator in the back. He also got a knock from his seat as it broke off.

"After we had got clear we had to use the stars to guide us. We were caught and fired on again over another town. Later, we were heavily attacked from the ground for the third time, but managed to reach the English coast.

"Our troubles were not over. One engine cut out when our height was 1,800 feet. After a few minutes it started again, and enabled us to climb before it spluttered and died away altogether. Then our other engine cut out. I saw trees only 200 feet ahead, but I was able to avoid them and land. We had one casualty—the navigator had a slight cut in the head.

"I found that most of our starboard flap had been shot away. As a souvenir I have kept a piece of it—just a bundle of fabric which the wind had tied into eighteen knots."

the landscape and are so well camouflaged as to be easily overlooked.

"The ground in front is sown with mines."

Describing an attack on one such fort, the correspondent says: "Russian fire was first opened from a neighbouring farm building so that the Germans thought that the fort was abandoned. When they approached more closely, a murderous blast of machine-gun fire opened from the fort itself. Only after German artillery, shooting at a hundred yards' range, had opened a breach in the walls of the fort, were the Germans able to enter.

"Even then the dangers were not ended as Russian forts are often constructed in three floors, with numerous underground passages."

"One Russian posted outside said 'hey had nothing to fear as the few surviving Russians were anxious to surrender. The Germans unsuspecting were met with a fierce fire inside and only captured the fort after killing every Russian defender." — Reuter.

PHILIPPINES MILITARY PRECAUTIONS

General Douglas MacArthur conferred with Staff Officers and President Quezon in Manila yesterday.

President Quezon has handed over his presidential yacht to the United States Navy for use as a minefield patrol ship.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE SPEECH AT BEIRUT

"It is right, just and practical to establish the real sovereignty and independence of Lebanon not only for the sake of Lebanon, but for the sake of France herself," declared General de Gaulle in a speech at Beirut yesterday.

General de Gaulle was addressing a gathering representative of religious, political, social and economic life in Lebanon, according to a despatch to the Independent French News Agency.

The General added: "Our presence among you means that France will cooperate with you to defend your liberties against those who threatened them.

"If for strategic reasons our brave Allies, the British, have come here with us, it is to help us to fulfil our age-old task as we are helping and will continue to help them in other territories." — Reuter.

At Damascus

General de Gaulle arrived at Damascus yesterday on his first official visit to the Syrian capital. The population gave him a great welcome and the city was beflagged for the occasion.

A review of the garrison and various other ceremonies had been arranged to mark the occasion.

General de Gaulle will take the opportunity to confer with the British authorities and the leading Syrian personalities regarding the setting up of the new regime and establishing the independence of the country.

An important statement is expected to-day in a message that General de Gaulle will be addressing to the Syrians.—Reuter.

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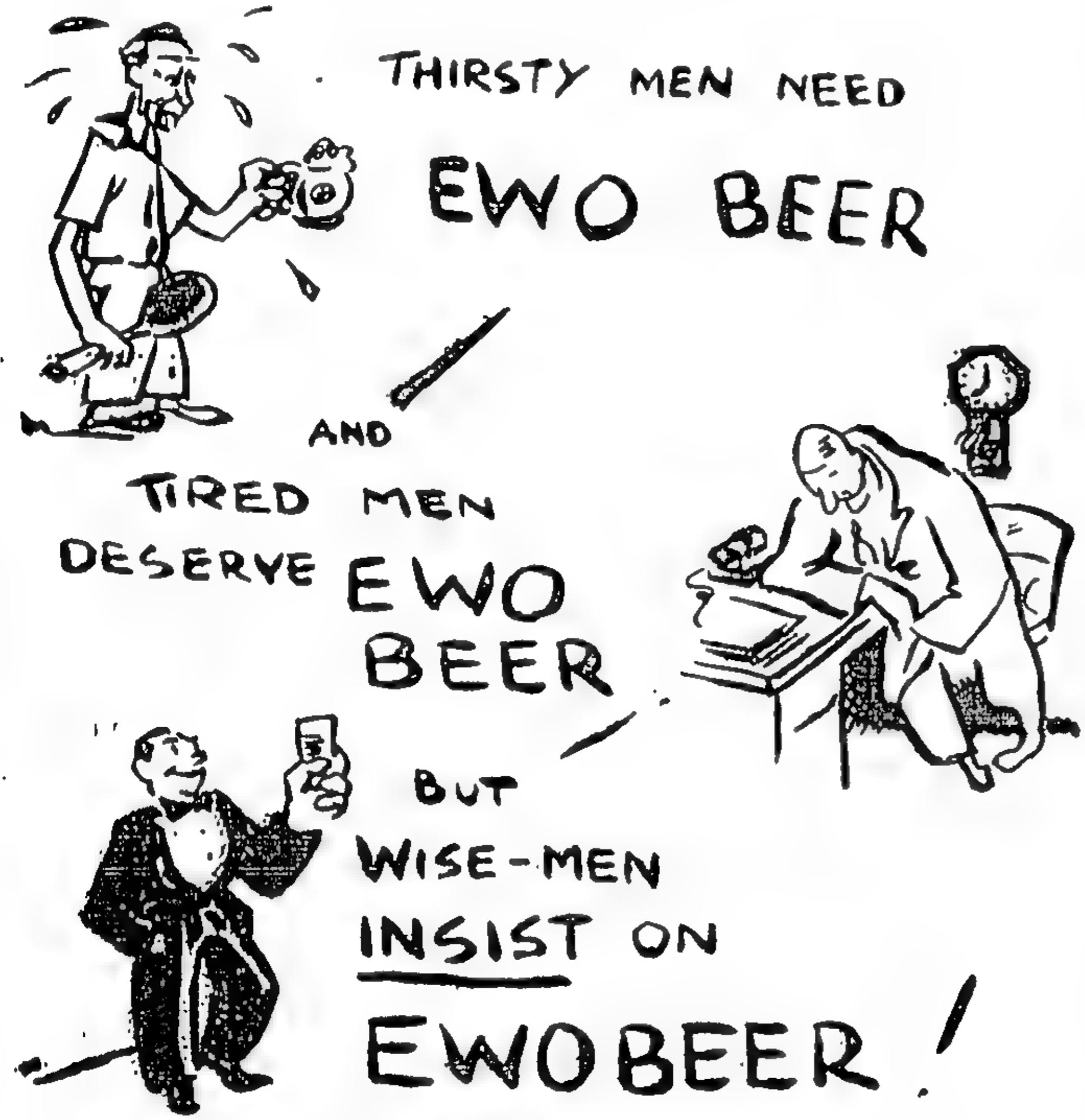
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WAVELL SEES NEED FOR NEW A.E.F.

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, who has relinquished his post as Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, in which he has won the greatest distinction of any British soldier in this war, discussed the war in an informal interview in Cairo.

In his office he recalled briefly the victories and defeats of the past glorious and tragic months and, responding to conversational questions, sketched opinions as to the future that are of special interest at this critical point in American and world history.

The most interesting of these from the American point of view sum up to this:

Whatever happens in Eastern Europe, where the Germans and Russians are battling, the final issue of the war will be decided in the West, as it was in the last war, and in the end it will be a battle of man power.

He Expects Long War

If the war continues long enough — and General Wavell appears to have no illusions that this will be a short war if it is to be effectively and permanently won — American man power will be needed. Our airplanes, tanks and guns, decisive though their aid has been in helping Britain hold out this long, will not be enough. There is a limit to Britain's own man power.

Germany can and will be beaten eventually by an invasion of her soil after she has been hammered sufficiently from the air.

When and where American troops should eventually be employed are matters to be determined by events.

Britain has no intention of abandoning this theatre of war.

General Wavell's conclusions on the part the United States may play, though they coincide with those of many highly placed Americans, were not volunteered by him, but were disclosed only in replies to specific questions and sometimes were revealed more by inference than by statement. Like every other high British official, he has studiously avoided advising Americans what they should do.

Apology For Shirt Sleeves

The general left his desk as we entered and led us to a small table in a corner where we could talk close together in complete informality. The general apologized for his shirt sleeves. He has a fine military bearing, listens carefully and speaks directly to you in the language of an orderly, well-stocked mind, and gives the impression of perfect frankness and intellectual honesty.

It was evident General Wavell was relinquishing this command with some regret although he looks tired and in great need of rest. Everywhere among subordinate officers one finds regret at the general's leaving.

"How do you feel about your new post, General?" was the opening question.

"I was in India thirty years ago as a subaltern," he replied. "It will be a new job and quite a change. I have had two quite strenuous years here. We have had our ups and downs. Auchincleck (General Claude J. E. Auchincleck who will succeed General Wavell in the Middle East command) is a very good soldier. It will be a good thing to have a fresh mind work on this situation. If one is too long in one place he is likely to become fixed in his thoughts about it. A fresh mind may see things in a new perspective."

Then the conversation began roving over the whole subject of the war, beginning with the present Russian-German conflict. It can hardly be reported chronologically for topics were begun and dropped and then resumed in some other connection.

Stresses Importance Of Planes

General Wavell avoided any predictions as to the outcome or duration of the Russian-German war except to indicate that air power might prove the controlling factor there and that the

German Air Force was strong. But he saw Germany assuming many disadvantages from the point of view of the war as a whole in plunging into the East. "Germany in this war, as in the last, has been able thus far to operate from a central position and rely upon her existing network of railways, waterways and highways to move her weight westward or eastward as she required," he said. "Meanwhile we have had to move and manoeuvre on the outside of that circle at long distances from our sources of supply.

"Germany, by this drive eastward, has lengthened her line of communication while ours remain constant—and our supplies are coming in increasing quantities from America."

"Can Germany sweep through the Caucasus, Iran and Iraq?" came another question.

"We cannot speak of 'sweeping,'" said the General. "Communications there are bad and the terrain is difficult. Russia's strength lies in the vastness of her numbers, her lack of communications, her ability to withdraw long distances and continue withdrawing."

"If the Germans penetrate deeply into the Ukraine they will find themselves in difficulties, for they will be far from their bases; faced with the necessity of transporting supplies over a very long line of communication."

Air Power

"Eventually," he went on, "Germany can be beaten by a combined, unrelenting assault from the air, softening her up for an ultimate invasion of her territory. But nothing can be done without air power."

"The West remains the principal battlefield while the other front becomes one of attrition."

One correspondent raised the question of whether the present threat to Russia's Ukraine, with its grain, coal, iron and water-power, and to her Caucasus, with its oil, was not converting the war into a race between Germany and America, Germany's part of the race being to exploit these resources before America can prepare for active belligerency on land.

"Do you think we have time," asked the correspondent, "to prepare the necessary forces for an invasion and to bring our munitions production up to the level required for a lasting victory before Germany can make effective what loot she can get in Russia?"

"The greatest danger to the West," replied General Wavell, thoughtfully, "always has been that Germany would conquer Russia and utilize her resources, hasn't it?"

He paused a moment and then said, "Yes, I believe there is time."

N.Z. ARMY RESIGNATION

THE RESIGNATION OF SIR ANDREW RUSSELL FROM THE INSPECTOR-GENERALSHIP OF THE NEW ZEALAND MILITARY FORCES WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY, AT WELLINGTON, BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, MR. NASH.

He said that Sir Andrew reached the decision in consequence of the appointment of Sir Guy Williams as Military Adviser, and also for health reasons.

Mr. Nash paid a tribute to the work of the retiring official whom the Government has re-appointed to the War Council. — Reuter.

SECOND NAZI NOTE TO LA PAZ

The expulsion of the German Minister in Lapaz, Herr Wendler, has led to a second Note being addressed by the German Government to the Bolivian Government.

Referring to the document published by the Bolivian Military Attaché in Berlin, Major Delmonte, to Herr Wendler, the German Note describes it as "at first sight nothing more than a clumsy forgery."

The Note goes on to point out that Herr Wendler immediately telephoned to Berlin stating that he had never received such a letter and had never entered into any kind of communication with Major Delmonte. It adds that Major Delmonte declared to the German Foreign Office that he had never sent such a letter to the German Minister nor ever sent him any letter or received one from him.

Sharply Protest

The German Note concludes: "Major Delmonte has expressed a wish to make his declaration in public."

In the face of this, the German Government must declare that the Bolivian Government, at the instigation of a third party, and without an attempt at explaining the facts, have lent themselves to a procedure against diplomatic representatives of the Reich of a kind unparalleled in international relations.

"The German Government once more sharply protest against this." — Reuter.

PORTUGUESE YOUTH ACCUSED

A Portuguese youth, who was alleged last Saturday evening, to have wounded a Chinese and to have attempted to snatch \$1.30, appeared before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, following an arrest yesterday morning.

The youth, Joseph Gonzales, aged 17, of Singapore, charged with assaulting Chan Nam-piu, 21, was remanded for a week. Chan is still in hospital.

FIREWOOD PROFITEERING

For selling firewood at a price higher than that fixed by the Controller of Trade, Lu Kwun-lin, 47, mistress of a firewood shop at No. 104, Nam Chang Street, was fined \$250 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Sergeant Byrne stated that he stopped accused's folk in the street yesterday, when the man was carrying the wood to a house in Fuk Wing Street. There were 70 catties of firewood, which the mistress had sold for \$2. The fixed price was 45 catties for \$1.

A CLEAR DAY

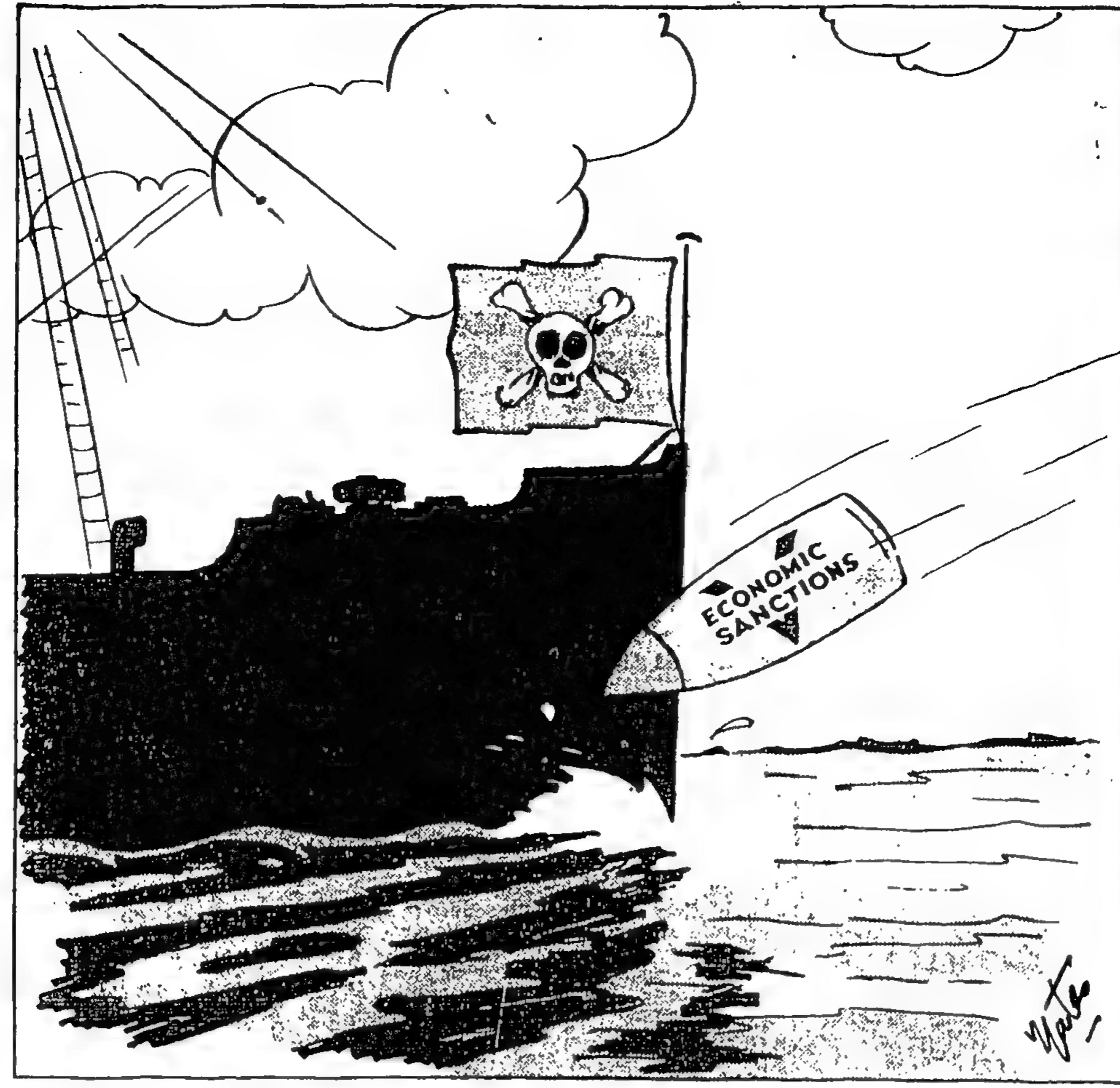
No enemy air action took place over the British Isles yesterday. — British Wireless.

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WISE DECISION

"Mr. Churchill's statement on conscription in Northern Ireland will give great relief. Certain members from Northern Ireland criticised it on the ground that the Government seemed to yield to pressure from Eire. The truth is, of course, that the circumstances of Northern Ireland condemn the policy that those members desire. Mr. De Valera has said a great many foolish things at different times but recently he said something that is profoundly true. No greater violence can be done to liberty and human rights than to force a man to fight for a country of which he is a subject by compulsion. That is the case of a great body of Nationalists in Northern Ireland. About the justice of the arrangement by which they are put in that position opinions may differ, but the fact that they are in that position cannot be disputed. They are cut off from the society to which they belong by every tie except that of law; religion, race, and history set them apart from the society in which they live. It may be that some day they will be reconciled; partition may be modified, adapted, or ended; the harsh discords left by history may be softened if a new generation learns to administer government in a different spirit; common danger and common suffering will have their influence. But at this moment the majority and minority are separated by forces too strong for effective unity. If a British Government were to put these Nationalists into British uniform by force it would be doing what the Germans and Austrians did with the Croats, the Poles, and the Czechs and what the Nazis will soon be doing with the people of Alsace-Lorraine. It would be applying to the only minority in its power what Mr. Churchill calls the Prussian boot."

The decision is welcome for several reasons, and not the least important in its effect on the position of the Prime Minister. During the appeasement years Mr. Churchill was the spokesman of British ideas of justice and fair play; then he had a small following, now he has the nation behind him. If the Government had decided the other way he would have abandoned that noble mission, put aside that splendid task. He would no doubt still have delighted and refreshed us with his oratory, but something would have gone out of his speeches. He would have been the spokesman of British resolution, but he would no longer have been the spokesman of British ideas. His moral power to-day and his reputation in history would both have suffered a heavy blow. National unity would have been broken. More than ever our danger demands all the moral resources that a nation possesses when its ideals are high, its spirit sincere, and its leaders men capable of eliciting all its strength and fire.



HEAVE - TO

A Study In Wartime Contrasts

London, June 19.

Contrast, startling and incongruous, is the theme of this story on "How Britain Looks To-day." For contrast characterises the life of the British people more and more as the war draws to the close of its second year. That Britain to-day accepts the fantastically incongruous as the normal is convincing evidence of the ability of the folk of this country to endure and win this modern total war. But while these war-girt islanders are to be congratulated on the success with which they are fitting into the new Alice-in-Wonderland chapter in history, the trained observer here never ceases to marvel at the picture he strives to convey to those still outside the immediate war zone.

A two-penny bus ride used merely to separate St. James's Park from the city area of London. To-day that same two-pence separates two almost unbelievable contrasts. On one hand the peaceful panorama of flower beds in full summer glory—there may be a big bomb hole behind that Red May tree but it isn't visible from here—ducks gliding on a mirror-smooth lake, pelicans performing comic antics before an admiring passerby who can see the fun all the better since the iron railings have been removed to make shells. And on the other hand a city scene of indescribable devastation from the tragic results of the most wanton, wholesale smashing and burning of churches and historic buildings that the world has probably ever witnessed.

So it is through the length and breadth of the land, through all the different aspects of daily life. One rubs one's eyes and wonders how things as these make sense:

Food:

Such food queues as there are in Britain to-day are liable to be misleading. They do not as a rule imply any shortage of essential foods. More likely they denote only temporary local shortages. Eggs have been a particular draw for queues. And now they are still more in the news since they are the latest addition to rationed food-stuffs.

It might seem hardly worth the great trouble involved for the sake of about one egg a person a week. But level distribution is the keynote of the Government food policy.

According to the present plan only the owner of 12 hens will be allowed to keep all his eggs; the owner of 13 or more will have to sell all the eggs to a retailer and apply for the meagre egg ration in the ordinary way.

However patriotic the owner of 20 laying hens may be he hardly relishes being a party to this new example of want amid plenty. Moreover, it is doubtful whether the public as a whole will get more than an infinitesimal benefit from the small poultry owner's sacrifices. More than likely there will be a widespread reduction of flocks to 12 hens.

This is but one instance of how the attempt to spread wartime sacrifices equally presents endless complications.

The continued absence of rationing in restaurants, designed to facilitate feeding for office and factory workers, means that one

is going my cutaway and high hat up to the office."

Actually it is too early yet to assess the effects of the recently introduced clothes ration under which each person is allowed 68 coupons annually. But one can guess it is going to be highly fashionable to be shabby when one considers that a man's 68 coupons would provide one suit for 26 coupons; one pair of shoes for 7 coupons; 6 pairs socks for 18 coupons; 12 handkerchiefs for 6 coupons; one pair of pyjamas for 8 coupons; one pair of gloves for 2 coupons—but we are one over the 68 already and we have not any underwear, ties, raincoat, overcoat, or bathing trunks.

Materials that are not made up and knitting wool are also rationed but at present one can still buy curtains and chair covers provided they are made up in the shops. Already there is a brisk demand for German and faulty British parachutes on sale here. These are not yet rationed and for about 45 shillings each provide a large expanse of the finest pale blue or white silk suitable for men's pyjamas, children's dresses, and women's underwear.

An interesting reflection on the topsy turvy wartime economy is that the Germans in Paris are reported to be buying up French silk lingerie for making parachutes which, when they fall into British hands are being transformed back into clothes for the English.

Certain types of workers are having special allowances for working clothes. There are many anomalies to be cleared up and the price restriction is to be fixed on certain essential articles like footwear, to curb inevitable price rises.

Amusements:

And talking of cycling brings us to the question of amusements.

Cycling always was one of the chief recreations of young town workers but now it has greatly increased in popularity.

Gay cycling parties streaming out of cities at week-ends provide a typical example of how a large section of the British public manages temporarily to disregard the war and its problems. These young persons, many of whom work long hours in armament factories and are exposed to the danger of air raids every night, have not forgotten how to enjoy themselves. They are convinced, moreover, that the seven-day working week would not be in the national interest.

These young people lead "flat out" lives which help them to sleep through Nazi blitzes—an achievement which it is reported here amazes the Germans. (Continued on Page 10)

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Attempt To Force Japan And Spain Into The War

FURTHER LIGHT HAS NOW BEEN SHED ON WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE A GREAT OFFENSIVE IN POLITICAL WARFARE, TIMED BY GERMAN STRATEGY TO COINCIDE WITH THE MILITARY ATTACK ON RUSSIA, WRITES THE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT OF THE "OBSERVER."

The broadside military attack on Russia on June 22 was calculated at once to force Japan and Spain, and then Turkey, into war against the British Empire.

The lever which was to be used in the case of Japan and Spain was the revived Communist bogey, and in the case of Turkey the renewed demonstration of Axis invincibility.

On July 1, therefore, Germany and Italy gave de jure recognition to the Nanking puppet government of Wang Ching-wei. The German newspapers of July 2 and the Italian newspapers of the same day all elaborately explained in almost identical words that "Germany's and Italy's recognition is the consequence of the crusade against Communism." At the same time, Wang Ching-wei was received by the Emperor of Japan.

Immediate Aim

Germany's immediate objective was to force Russia into a two-front war by producing a Japanese attack across the Manchurian frontier. But Japan's forces had been withdrawn from that region, not because of the non-aggression pact concluded with Russia on Hitler's suggestion when his other tactics dictated it, but because Japan was afraid of a Russian air attack on Tokyo.

After Five Weeks

SPAIN WAS SAVED FROM STARVATION ONLY BY THE BRITISH RELAXATIONS OF THE BLOCKADE IN HER FAVOUR AND BY DIRECT FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC HELP. THAT HELP IS NOW BEING SUSPENDED PENDING SPAIN'S DECISION.

After five weeks, therefore, of the new German offensive combining the military attack on Russia with a subtle thrust in political warfare designed to range Japan, Spain and Turkey against Britain, the result is failure to crush Russia, failure to use the political lever quickly or in the way calculated upon Japan and Spain, failure to impress Turkey with German invincibility, and success in galvanising half the world against Germany.

The campaign is not over, but the first German plan, at any rate, seems to have miscarried.—Reuter.

Rise in Prices in Europe

THE MOST STRIKING RISES IN RETAIL PRICES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR HAVE OCCURRED IN CLOTHING, ACCORDING TO THE JULY STATISTICAL BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. SAYS A BERNE DESPATCH TO VICHY YESTERDAY.

In Germany, the despatch adds, where the general cost of living index has only risen six per cent. between the first six months of 1939 and May, 1941, the increase for clothing was 17 per cent.

In the United Kingdom and in Denmark, there was an increase of 72 per cent. in Finland and Norway, 50 per cent. and in Yugoslavia 103 per cent.—Reuter.

TRANSFERRED

Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey, Chief Detective Inspector for Kowloon, has been transferred to the Special Branch.

Inspector Carey served in the same branch a few years ago.

GENERAL PEARSON ALLEN, COLUMNIST OF THE "NEW YORK MIRROR," IN AN ARTICLE COMMENTS: "The doubled-barrelled dose of economic warfare, the freezing of Axis orders and the black-list have played real havoc with Axis operations in South America. Confidential Government cables report that as a result of these measures 25,000 Axis nationals have been uprooted from thriving enterprises and have become refugees, getting a

HE DIDN'T SAY WHY

How Goebbels' propaganda machine twists the truth was seen by the following broadcast by the German radio:

"What the true conditions in Britain are can best be illustrated by a report in the American Press that a box of onions was sold in London at a price of several thousand dollars."

The announcer omitted to add that these onions were auctioned during London's War Weapons Week.

MALAYA'S DEFENCE EFFICIENCY

The efficiency of Malaya's defences was praised by the Thai Military Mission which is returning to Bangkok on Thursday after nearly a three weeks stay in Singapore.

The leader of the Mission, Lieutenant-Colonel Luang Sura Narong, stated in an interview with Reuter that there was every reason to be satisfied with the visit which has been most interesting.

They were particularly struck by the great efficiency of the defences of Malaya and were grateful for the courtesy shown by the Commander-in-Chief and the Governor, and for the cordiality and reception given them by the Services.

Last night, the Mission were "at home" to the Commander-in-Chief, the Governor, and officials.—Reuter.

The Thai military mission is returning to Bangkok on Thursday.—Reuter.

DETECTOR FOR BOMB RESCUES

A sound-detector to help in rescuing people trapped as a result of bombing has been invented by two members of Stoke Newington A.R.P. stretcher party service.

It consists of a microphone and loud-speaker combined, which can be lowered through a small hole to trapped persons.

They are then able to talk with their rescuers.

The apparatus has been demonstrated before members of the Civil Defence Committee and the Group Co-ordinating Officer.

The inventors are Mr. L. C. Wells, deputy officer in charge, and Mr. G. Carpenter, a stretcher-bearer.

CABINET CHANGES IN AMMAN

IT IS REPORTED FROM AMMAN, CAPITAL OF TRANS-JORDANIA, THAT THE KEY MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE PRIME MINISTER, TEWFIK PASHA ABOU HOUDA, IN THE NEW CABINET.

Tewfik Pasha yesterday offered his resignation to the Emir Abdullah, who accepted it but, at the same time, requested him to form a new Cabinet.

With the office of Prime Minister, he also assumed the portfolios of Defence and Foreign Affairs. The new Cabinet includes two former Ministers.—Reuter.

TOBRUK PATROL ACTIVITY

A communiqué issued by G.H.Q. Cairo, states that at Tobruk, the Australian patrol mentioned in Sunday's communiqué remained in the positions captured and finally withdrawn on Saturday night after inflicting further casualties on the enemy.

After dark on Saturday, three strong enemy patrols approached our lines. This half-hearted attempt at retaliatory raiding was driven off by rifle fire alone with no casualties to our troops.

In the frontier area, two strong enemy patrols of all arms circulated during Sunday afternoon in a south-westerly direction. After being engaged throughout by our mobile troops, both columns were finally forced to withdraw.—British Wireless.

SAMPAN MISHAP

A sampan overturned and its three occupants, including a woman, were thrown into the water at the southern entrance of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter yesterday afternoon following a collision with a steam-launch. The junk people were rescued.

dose of the bitter medicine which Germany has meted out to millions of European victims.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BUSINESS IN COLONY ALMOST AT A STANDSTILL

THE JAPANESE Foreign Office has not yet communicated with the Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong in regard to the Hong Kong Government's freezing of Japanese credits in the Colony, it was officially learned from Mr. S. Kimura, Japanese Consul, this morning.

A visit to Japanese banks and some of the chief and bigger business concerns in the Colony to-day disclosed that business was virtually at a standstill.

None of the local branch offices of Japanese firms in Japan have yet received instructions from their head offices, and it was learned that the Japanese community is preparing to hold a meeting within the next few days to discuss the situation.

At this meeting it is learned, the Japanese community will decide whether to remain and adopt a "wait and see" policy, or to pack up and go home.

Japanese firms and individuals are experiencing difficulty in drawing money from even their own banks, permission for which must first be obtained from the Colonial Secretariat's Office.

From Japanese shipping circles it was learned that all Japanese ships have been diverted from routes leading to British and American territorial waters, and that the vessels will not visit British and American ports unless the Governments give a guarantee that the ships will not be confiscated or detained.

PERUVIAN FIGHTING

Fighting continues on the Peruvian-Ecuador frontier, according to an official communiqué issued at Lima, Peru, yesterday.

It was reported from Quito on Sunday that fighting ceased on Saturday evening, following an agreement between the two parties sponsored by the Argentine, United States and Brazil.

The communiqué, quoted in a Lima despatch to the Vichy news agency, states that the Peruvians on Sunday recaptured the island of Matapalo, near Boca de Capones.

"Meanwhile, negotiations for ending the hostilities continue," — Reuter.

LORD RENNELL OF RODD PASSES

The death was announced yesterday of Lord Rennell of Rodd, who was British Ambassador in Rome, during the last war. Lord Rennell, who was 82 years of age, spent some forty years in the diplomatic service. — British Wireless.

AXIS EMBASSIES SEALED

The German and Italian Embassies in Chungking were officially sealed yesterday following the departure of the last batch of Axis diplomats yesterday by air for Indo-China. — Central News.

MERCHANT NAVY ORPHANS

The King and Queen yesterday visited the Royal Merchant Navy School where some two hundred boys and one hundred girls — orphans of merchant seamen — are being educated. — British Wireless.

LONDON'S A.A. DEFENCES

The Yugoslav Prime Minister yesterday visited part of London's air defences and inspected gun and searchlight stations. General Simovitch took lunch with the C-in-C, A.A. Command. — British Wireless.

FINLAND BREAKS OFF RELATIONS

Finland has requested the severance of diplomatic relations with Great Britain, it is authoritatively stated in London.

The Finnish Foreign Minister yesterday handed an aide-memoire to the British Minister at Helsinki, informing him that as Finland is a co-belligerent with Germany, normal diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Finland can hardly be maintained.

In reply to Mr. Vereker's question as to whether this statement meant that Finland was requesting the severance of diplomatic relations, the Finnish Foreign Minister replied that this was so. — Reuter.

PHILIPPINE C.-IN-C.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY FORMALLY NOMINATED DOUGLAS MACARTHUR TO BE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL IN COMMAND OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The nomination was sent to the Senate where Senator Claude Pepper told the Press that President Roosevelt could make "no better selection" of a commanding general of the forces in this troubled Far Eastern area.

The Senate in Washington yesterday confirmed without dissent President Roosevelt's nomination of General MacArthur as Lieutenant-General Commanding the United States Army in the Far East, thereby giving a vote of confidence in the President's Far East policy. — Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP IN PALACE BOMBING

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WAS AT LAMBETH PALACE WHEN IT WAS BOMBED AGAIN RECENTLY.

"The experience of crashing bombs and crackling flames was a trying ordeal," he writes in the "Canterbury Diocesan Gazette."

He states that five large bombs fell in the Palace precincts. The library, chapel and the Old Lollards' Tower were badly damaged.

SAVOIAS SHOT DOWN OFF MALTA

R.A.F. fighter aircraft intercepted two Savoia 79s off Malta yesterday and shot both down in flames 50 miles out to sea. Heavy bombers again raided Bengazi harbour during the night of July 26/27 and obtained hits on the moles and Julian Point. — British Wireless.

IT'S THAT SONG AGAIN

The old Australian anti-Italian song about the Southern Tyrolean hero, Andrew Hofer, was sung over Deutschlandsender.

When Hitler occupied Austria, the singing of the song was forbidden by the Nazis so as not to annoy the Axis partner.

AWARDS TO R.A.F. HEROES

Dominions airmen are among the recipients of awards for gallantry during recent heavy raids on cities in Western Germany, thrilling stories of which are now told.

Sergeant N. Williams, born at Dunedin, New Zealand, who receives the Distinguished Flying Medal, took part in the daylight bombing of Bremen on July 4, attacking the centre of the town at a height of 50 feet, flying through balloon barrage and extremely heavy A.A. fire.

The aircraft received direct hits, Williams and another member of the crew were wounded, but the crew, with Williams navigating, "displayed great courage and determination under extremely harassing circumstances" and successfully brought the aircraft back to a crash landing at the aerodrome.

Squadron Leader R. P. Widdowson, Winnipeg, receives the Distinguished Flying Cross, for bringing back an aircraft which was attacked by a Messerschmitt while returning from a raid on Muenster and was severely damaged and set on fire. Tremendous efforts were made to subdue the fire, all loose articles being jettisoned. The aircraft was successfully brought back despite reduced speed and loss of height.

Sergeant M. H. Ross, Quebec, who received the D.F.M., was a gunner in a night fighter. One night last March, an enemy bomber was intercepted but the cannons jammed repeatedly. Ross cleared the stoppages four times under difficult conditions at a height of 12,000 feet, enabling the pilot to destroy the bomber. He has helped to destroy at least two other night bombers.

Flight Lieut. H. Speke, Bloemfontein, gets the D.F.C. for continuous distinguished, successful operational service day and night. He has destroyed four and damaged at least two enemy aircraft by night. — British Wireless.

SHANGHAI SURPRISE ARREST

Mr. Wu Tseng-yu, Manager of the Sung Shing Cotton Mill No. 9 in Shanghai, and his son, Wu Chung-ti, department chief of the mill, were arrested by Japanese gendarmes and French Municipal Police at 1.35 o'clock this morning when the Japanese raided the Wu house on Rue Pershing in the French Concession. — Central News.

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A TRUMP COUP

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South probably overbid a bit in the hand below, but made up for it by superlative play:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♦ Q 5
♥ K 3
♦ A 9 6
♣ A Q J 10 9 4

WEST EAST

♦ J 10 7 6 2 ♠ A 10 4 2
♦ 10 8 5 2 ♠ 8 5
♣ 8 5 3 ♠ K Q J 7 3

SOUTH

♦ K J 9 7 6 3
♥ A Q 9 4
♦ 4
♣ K 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♦
2♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the deuce of diamonds, dummy winning with the Ace. South then made the key play by leading a diamond from the dummy and ruffing it in his own hand.

The reason for this play will soon become apparent.

South next led a low trump, dummy playing the Queen, and East

winning with the Ace. East returned a heart, and South won with the Ace. The lead of the King of spades then showed the sad truth: East had the rest of the trumps and would win a trump trick unless South found some way to take a trump finesse without the aid of a trump lead from the dummy.

But it was precisely for that reason that South had ruffed a diamond at the second trick. And now he led a low club to dummy's nine and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond. At this point South had reduced his trump holding to the Jack and nine, while East had the ten and four of trumps. The stage was set for the coup.

Declarer led the club. King, overtaking with dummy's Ace. Then the clubs were led one after another. If East chose to ruff, South could over-ruff, draw the last trump, and get back to dummy with the heart King to continue with the clubs. And if East chose not to ruff, South would simply discard hearts until finally East and South had nothing but trumps left to play.

And then dummy could lead any card to act as a means of finessing trumps.

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Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

ACE ♠ 10 8 7

♥ K 3 9 4

♦ 7

♣ A 10 6

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Burnstone	Maler
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You have more than a minimum opening bid so game is not entirely out of the question. Furthermore, your distribution is unsuited to no-trump.

Score 100% for two hearts, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 780

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

You	Schenken	Burnstone	Maler
1♦	Pass	INT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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A STUDY IN WARTIME CONTRASTS

(Continued from Page 7)

certainly the breakfast table question is increasingly becoming "Was there a raid last night?"

Sports:

Continuing—but for the benefit of recreation rather than for the box office—sports have been bereft of publicity and giant audiences. Yet sport is an integral part of Britain's wartime resolve to keep fit.

Many people are too busy, however, digging gardens or attending to their civilian defence duties so that golf courses are relatively deserted, covered with anti-parachute obstacles, or used as camps. A great many different types of sports clubs are in a state of suspended animation.

Nevertheless, it is the instinct in this country to play games and few air raid wardens posts are without dart boards to while away the time on raid free nights.

Village cricket, affected by the absence of players in the fighting forces, nevertheless carries on, even though a bomb hole on the village green may necessitate shifting the location of the pitch.

Theatre:

The fortunes of the theatres and the movies tend to fluctuate in marked contrast with the length of daylight hours and the extent of enemy bombings. The dark winter evenings and the "blitz" of last September virtually put the London theatre world out of business for a considerable while.

But despite the fact that many famous theatres have been destroyed, such as Drury Lane, the Palace, and the Shaftesbury, the theatrical business has made remarkable recovery lately, helped by two extra hours of daylight under the wartime scheme.

To-day 16 theatres are open in London. A notable event was the launching last week of a wartime Gilbert and Sullivan season at the Savoy Theatre, home of the famous Savoyards, at which they have not played since 1933.

Open air concerts and plays are being given for the next two months in London and other "blitzed" towns for the benefit of those who spend their nights in air raid shelters.

Stratford-on-Avon is staging its usual summer Shakespeare festival this year. A brisk business is reported, but a notable difference compared with peacetime is the much regretted absence of the usual large and enthusiastic gathering of American Shakespeare admirers.

The setbacks suffered by the London theatre have enhanced the importance of the provincial theatre. Productions in general are on a more economical scale.

Cinema:

The movie business in London and some provincial towns has been hit by the evacuation of inhabitants. Many cinemas also have been destroyed. On the other hand the movies in areas to which the population has gravitated have packed houses now that it is daylight until 11 p.m. and audiences are home before the black-out and raids.

British film production fell to a low ebb but now is accelerating. American production here is increasing, partly because it is a way of utilising American credits frozen in Britain.

The most striking contrast in the book world is to wander through the charred ruins of Paternoster Row, the fountain of Britain's book trade in the heart of the City of London, and to compare the desolate scene with the busy libraries and bookshops, especially secondhand bookstores, encountered all over Britain.

The Paternoster Row conflagration, in which countless new and priceless old volumes and many unpublished manuscripts were destroyed was a tragedy for the book trade which the reading public has not yet fully felt. In the meantime the popularity of reading has greatly increased.

Gasoline:

The gasoline situation presents many contrasts. In the towns one would say there was not much of a shortage. Buses, private cars, motor coaches, and taxis throng the streets. But out in the highways and the byways road traffic is sparse save for army cars and trucks.

A basic petrol ration is allowed every car owner according to the

horsepower rating of his car. It is ten gallons a month for a car of the size most popular in the United States. A supplementary ration is allowed for work of national importance.

There has been a good deal of illegal obtaining and transferring of gasoline which led to the recent tightening up of regulations and a general cut of 20 per cent. in supplementary allowances.

Civilian motorists have been charging the Army with needless extravagance and some of these charges have been proved. For instance the case was cited in the press recently of a heavy Army truck driving 40 miles to deliver a small key to a civilian who is herself now obliged by the petrol rationing to bicycle five miles to the shops even in the pouring rain. When the recipient of the key expressed surprise at such personal attention the sergeant driver charmingly expostulated, "No trouble at all."

Many private cars have been laid up for the duration but there have been protests also about the number of automobiles still seen at horse and dog race meetings. Undoubtedly there could be further restrictions in gas without any serious interference with the essential life of the Nation.

In the meantime many former motorists have taken up cycling again.

Law Courts:

An instance of the far-reaching changes which may occur in Britain's social and traditional life before the war ends is the question of the abolition of wigs for Judges and lawyers in law courts now being discussed here.

While there might be some loss of extraneous dignity, this measure would be in sympathy with the popular mood toward eradicating the artificial side of British ritualism.

The law profession bravely carries on its work despite the serious shortage in staffs due to military service and despite the blows of the Nazi bombers which have severely damaged the famous Old Bailey and reduced to rubble many of the beautiful residential quarters occupied by lawyers on Fleet Street.

It is contrast everywhere one goes. My own wartime hermit-like social home life was transformed for a week lately into a whirl of unprecedented gaiety. The excuse was the local war weapons week. Now we are back on our own small holding, making up that lost week.

BAN ON RESERVED MEN

Reserved workers cannot now join the Regular Army. Changes in reserved occupations and protected work include a provision that volunteers for service on a normal engagement in the regular armed forces, public police forces or public fire brigades will not be accepted if they are reserved. The existing provision is cancelled.

New classes of protected establishments are:

Stone, slate and chalk mining and quarrying including lime and whiting production; slag disposal from blast furnaces.

New Reservations: Boiler fitter's or moulder's labourer and coppersmith's labourer reserved at 35; at stage B they will remain reserved at 35 if they are employed on protected work, but will not be reserved if they are employed on unprotected work.

These entries do not involve the release of men now in the Forces or who have received enlistment notices.

DOG BITES

Are Dangerous

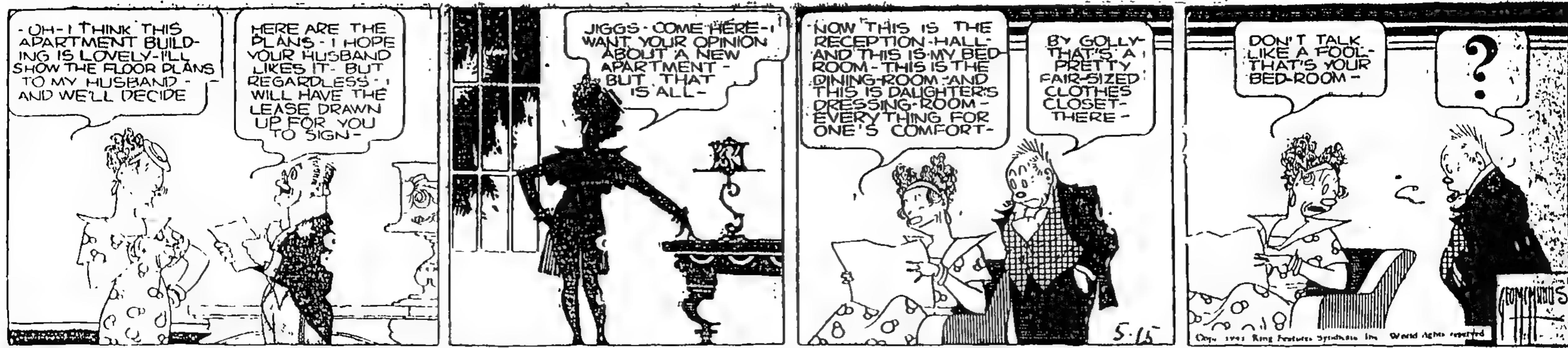
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Protection From Sun's Heat

If you permit your skin to tan or bronze without the aid of a lotion or cream, you will discover at the end of the summer that it has toughened in texture considerably, and discoloured also.

The only sensible way of taking the sunshine is to prepare for taking the sunshine. You have been preached this before but perhaps you have not heeded it.

Had you been accustomed to the sun every day for the past six or eight months, or if your occupation kept you out of doors all year around, you still could not bask in the sunshine for hours without skin protection unless you cared little about your beauty and comfort.

Hardened old tars who are cast adrift in life boats on the sea for days with no protection, discover that their faces not only peel from the salt of the sea and the glare of the sun, but ever festers in huge sores. It is not uncommon to find sailors of years service, anointing themselves with protective oils or creams daily. So how foolish for us to attempt taking the sun for even an hour or two with bodies that have been treated as hot-house orchids!

It is Not Sissy

Carrying your bottle of sun lotion down to the sea is not sissy. And wise is the girl who insists that her beau do likewise as men's skin can be even more tender than woman's.

What you take in your beach bag, for skin protection, depends entirely on your type of skin and how much sun tan you desire.

There are preparations to prevent tanning altogether which keep your skin quite fair even under the sun's rays. There are other preparations which invite a tan very quickly giving you a rich bronze shade in four or five sun baths. Tender, or very young skins, can find a lotion which will permit a gradual change of skin colour. There are greasy and nongreasy formulas, daintily bottled concoctions and others in the most medicinal looking bottles. With this wide choice there is little excuse for sunburn, sun fever or any other sun discomfort.

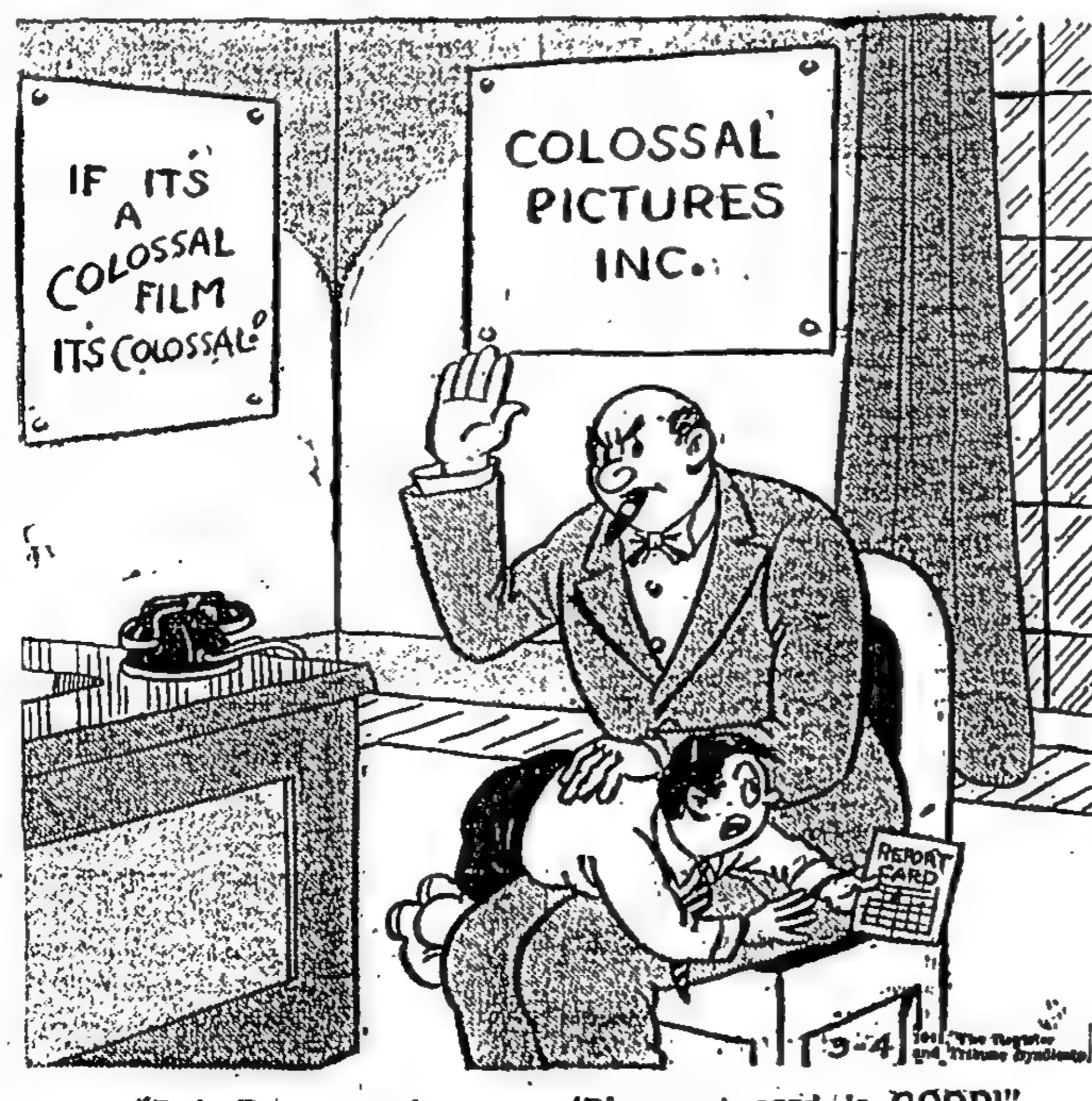


FUN IN THE SUN If the lotion you use prevents uncomfortable burns. This handsome fellow favours a non-oily brew, originally developed in Sweden to prevent snowburn. It works on the beach too!

But you must bear in mind that, thoroughly anointed. Then cover yourself with a robe or towel. You get the best of the sun when you screen out the rays that do the burning and let through the rays that do the tanning—and that is what a good sun lotion must do for you. Buy one and use it to keep your beauty intact and your poise untouched!

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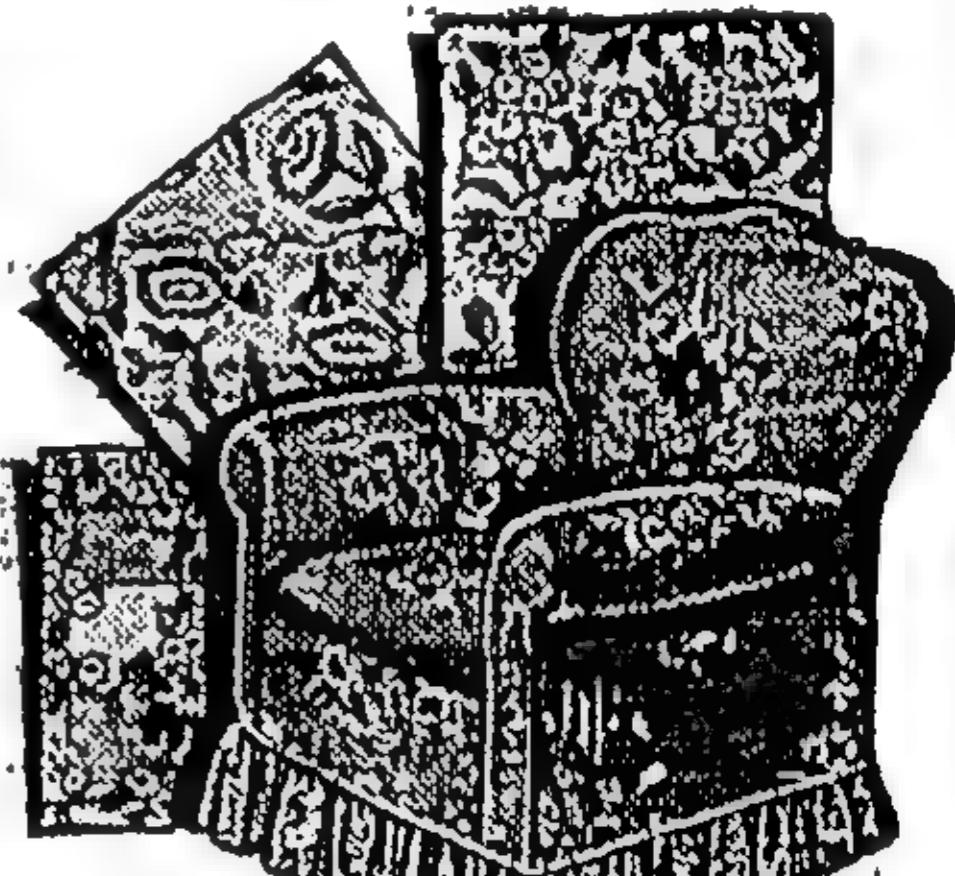
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RADIO

12.10 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
Trial By Jury—Oh, Never, Never... Leo Sheffield, W. Lawrence, George Baker... Chorus; May It Please You... A. Hosking, G. Baker, W. Lawson; That She Is Reckling... L. Sheffield, W. Lawson, Arthur Hosking & Chorus; Oh, Gentlemen, Listen... D. Oldham & Chorus of Girls; That Seems a Reasonable Proposition... Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking & Chorus.
"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—Night Has Spread Her Pall Once More (Sullivan)... Dorothy Gill & Chorus.
"The Yeomen Of The Guard"—A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe; When A Wooer Goes A Wooing... W. Lawson, N. Briercliffe, D. Oldham & G. Baker; Rapture! Rapture!... D. Gill and Peter Dawson.
"Ruddigore"—Welcome Gentry For Your Entry Mixed Chorus; O. Why Am I Moody and Sad?... Sydney Granville & Mixed Chorus; You Understand?... Derek Oldham & Sydney Granville; Hail The Bride of Seventeen Summers... Mixed Chorus.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme.
Nicolette (Van Phillips)... Van Phillips & His All-Star Orchestra
Majarska; Chinese Legend... (Schillerburg) Eugen Wolff & his Orch
Fairies In The Morn—Intermezzo Entr'acte (Ewing); An Hour With You (Else); Joseph Muscat & the Troxy Broadcasting Orchestra
Bavarian Tales (Richartz); Peasant Polka (Mohr); Fritz Domina & his Orchestra.
Gossamer (Stan Bowshed); Dainty Debutante (Scott Wood); George Scott Wood (Piano) & His Salon Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, and The Street Singer.
Safe In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Gilbert—Connelly); When You Come To The End Of A Journey—Fox-Trot (Box-Cox); The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
The Breeze and I (Lecuona Stillman); Say It (from film "Buck Benny Rides Again"—McHugh, Loesser)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accom.
Roses Are Blooming in Loveland—Waltz; You Made Me Care—Waltz (Gilbert)... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.
Old Sailor (Godfrey, Kennedy)... The Street Singer with Instrumental accom.
The Old Tin Helmet—Fox-Trot (Connor); Wings Over The Navy—Fox-Trot (from film "Wings Over The Navy")... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me with Quartet.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—I Gotta See A Dream About A Girl; A Cathedral In Rio... Swing & Sway with Sammy Kaye.
Quick-Step—In The Middle Of A Dream; Waltz—Love Never Grows Old; Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Novelty Fox-Trot—If A Grey-Haired Ludy; Slow Fox-Trot—Ridin' Home... Jack Hilton & his Orchestra.
Tango—Mosterio... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—You're Dangerous; You Lucky People You (both from film "Road To Zanzibar")... Tommy Dorsey & his Orchestra.
7.17 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Sea Shanties—Intro: What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor; Shenandoah Blow The Man Down; Bound for the Rio Grande; Whisky Johnny; Fire Down Below; Hullabaloo-Balay; Billy Boy... Geraldo & his Accordeon Band and Male Chorus.
We're All Bound To Go (Verses from "The Shanty Book")... Raymond Newell & Chorus with Piano.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.20 p.m.—London—"Listening Post".
Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Lehar.
Count Of Luxembourg Waltz... Marek Wober & his Orchestra.
"The Blue Mazurka"—Vocal Gems—Intro: The Blue Mazurka; When She Is Yours At Last; Love's The Richest Price; I'm A Shy Young Chap; Shine, Bright Moon... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Gipsy Love"—Selection... De Groot and his Orchestra.
The Merry Widow—I Love You So... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.
"Frascutta"—Serenade... Emil Roosz and his Orchestra.
"The Land of Smiles"—You Are My Heart's Delight... Albert Sandler and his Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Vocal—Slumming On Park Avenue (from film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses... Alice Faye with Cv Feuer Orchestra.
Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert, sir; Berlioz)—Intro: Unfinished Symphony; Just A Little Ring; Duet; The Flower; March, Act 1; The Golden Song; Yours Is My Heart; Four Jolly Brothers; Serenade; Ballet; Finale... Harry Davidson.
Vocal—There's A New World (from "Okay For Sound"—Kennedy-Carr); Sing Me A Swing Song (Carmichael-Adams)... Ike Hatch with Orchestra.
Piano—Lambeth Walk after Chokin' Lixit (arr. Rayson); Lambeth Walk after Verdi; Beethoven, Mozart

THE CHINA MAIL, JULY 29, 1941.
NEW PUSH ON DEEP SHELTERS STEPPING STONE TO MOROCCO

Deep shelters for another 90,000 people are being built in London.

In the provinces too, deep shelter schemes have been approved.

This is part of the Government's new policy of better air raid protection for the people of Britain. The policy was outlined last November by the Minister of Home Security—but he added the warning that a deep shelter scheme to accommodate the whole population, or most of it, was beyond the bounds of practical possibility.

Plan for London's extra-deep shelters was revealed in the report on the Select Committee on National Expenditure.

It stated that eighteen of the twenty shafts for the additional shelters had been started. It is hoped to complete the scheme by next winter.

The report recommended that no further Tube shelter should be provided beyond that already authorized.

Such shelter should be restricted to mothers and children, the aged, and people working long hours on work of high national importance.

Specially skilled men—some of them were miners—are needed for the tunnelling work.

TANK HERO'S 2ND WOUND

MAJOR WILLIAM ROBERT REEVES, D.S.O., WHO, THOUGH WOUNDED, FOUGHT A BRILLIANT TANK ACTION AGAINST THE GERMANS IN FRANCE LAST MAY AND WAS DESCRIBED AS "THE MAN WHO PROBABLY SAVED THE B.E.F.," HAS AGAIN BEEN WOUNDED.

His name appears in a War Office casualty list.

He won the D.S.O. for leading his tanks right through the Germans besieging a town. With his own tank he destroyed seven armoured vehicles and held a bridge at Gravelines, saving the B.E.F. in a critical position.

(arr. Rayson)... Frank Rayson, Vocal—Two Ton Tessie (Furk—Handman); Oh Freddie (Tom Gordon)... Tessie O'Shea.
Organ—Chin Chin Chow—Selection (F. Norton)... Harry Davidson, Piano—The Best Things In Life Are Free (De Sylva & others); The Moon Won't Talk (Hathaway & Elliss)... "Hutch" (Leslie Hutchinson).
9.46-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.48 p.m.—Ray Starita (Xylophone) and His Band.

Rio De Janeiro (de Gredos); Stand Up And Smile—Selection (Furber, Ellis & Charig); Joey The Clown (Myers).

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour with Beethoven.

With A Coloured Ribbon... Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with George Reeves (Piano).

"Les Adieux"—Sonata In E Flat Major, Op. 61a—1st Mov: Adagio—

Allegro: 2nd Mov: Largo appassionato—Andante espressivo; 3rd Mov: Vivacissimamente ... Artur Schnabel (Piano).

In Questa Tomba Oscura... Theodore Charlapine (Bass) with Orchestra.

Trio No. 7 in B Flat Major, Op. 97—

"The Archduke"—1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Scherzo—Allegro; 3rd Mov: Andante Cantabile;

4th Mov: Allegro moderato... Corot; Thibaud & Casals (Instr. Trio).

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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NOT SO LUCKY FINDING

CHENG WAN-KUNG, 53, CLERK EMPLOYED IN THE COMMERCIAL PRESS WORKSHOP, KING'S ROAD, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH UNLAWFULLY PAWNING A DIAMOND RING AT THE TAI ON PAWNSHOP, NO. 226, JOHNSTON ROAD, ON JULY 20.

Mr. S. Ng Quinn pleaded guilty on behalf of accused. Detective Sergeant A. F. Cochrane prosecuted.

It was alleged that defendant picked up the ring in the Shanghai National Savings Bank, and pawned it for \$200 at the Tai On Pawnshop. No report was made to the Police about the loss of the diamond ring.

Accused told everybody about the "lucky" finding, and as a result an anonymous letter was sent to the S.C.A. The Police were informed and defendant was arrested.

Mr. Quinn told the Court that his client was willing to redeem the ring and place it in the custody of the Police.

The case was adjourned to August 2. Accused was released on bail of \$700.

\$1,000 FOR BOWL OF RICE

Mr. Fook S. Ko, Hon. Treasurer of the China Defence League's "Bowl of Rice Campaign" for relief of Chinese refugees, announces the receipt of a cheque for H.K. \$1,000 as payment for a single ticket for a "Bowl of Rice" lunch in Hong Kong.

The generous contributor is Mr. Wai Shiu-pak, proprietor of the Yee Tin Tong Medical Perfumery Manufactory, who wrote to Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke, Vice-Chairman of the Campaign: "I am much impressed by the energetic efforts on the part of the promoters in organising this campaign, and sincerely hope that this small contribution will lead to many more big donations from others."

All proceeds from the Bowl of Rice campaign will be used for productive relief through Chinese Industrial Cooperatives.

Tickets for "bowl of rice" lunches at the various contributing Hong Kong restaurants are now on sale at many points in the city, including the Star Ferry, Hong Kong Hotel, Wiseman's Cafe, Ying King Restaurant, etc. Luncheons will be held on August 1, 2 and 3rd; and further information about the campaign is obtainable at the Bowl of Rice Town Office, 4a Des Voeux Road Central (Campradore's Office, Belgian Bank.)

GERMAN DRUGS ON FRENCH SHIP

In the course of a routine search on a French vessel which arrived here on Sunday, a European Police Sergeant came across 48 tins of German manufactured dye.

A search for the owner or custodian proved fruitless and as a result the goods were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, at the request of Sergeant W. Morris.

MENACES CHARGE

Charged with demanding \$1,000 with menaces from a Chinese merchant, Choi Chi-ying, 23, unemployed, was remanded for 72 hours by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

It was alleged that accused with another not in custody, demanded \$1,000 from Choi Mo-sai at No. 28, Clarence Street, third floor, on Sunday.

Detective Sergeant C. Pope is in charge of the case.

RIVER RUMOUR

Well-informed quarters this morning denied reports that the Japanese authorities in Canton were contemplating closing the Pearl River as from August 1.

BICYCLE TIME TRIAL PRIZES

The prize distribution to winners of the 25-miles bicycle time trial, held on the Castle Peak Road on July 9, took place at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, yesterday.

Before presenting the prizes, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Chief Air Raid Warden for Kowloon said: "This trial was conceived by Mr. C. K. Chu, executive Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Ingram to stimulate interest in the A.R.P. Messenger Corps. Prize-winners were: 1, A. J. Sandberg, La Salle College; 2, Kwong Man-sui, St. Joseph's College; 3, Yip Wing-kin, St. Joseph's College.

Prizes were presented to the following schools:—1 La Salle College; 2, St. Joseph's College.

Two girls competed and made a very good show, said Mr. Murphy. They could not be expected to win but their keenness was commendable. Two pennants were presented to them. They were Miss Heung Siu-chung and Miss Chung Chung-man, of the school of Practical Accountancy.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB HAVE NEARLY 200 MEMBERS

An increase in membership by 62, making almost 200 in all, as against the original 20 members when the club was founded six years ago, was reported at the annual meeting of Equine Sports Club last Sunday.

During the year \$2,320.50 was donated to the War Fund, and the Club purchased a plot of land at Tung Lo Wan, just beneath the Indian Farm, where it is hoped to erect a new club house in the near future.

Following are the new officials: President, Mr. T. J. Hemsley; Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Leitch; Secretary, Mr. E. G. Collings; Committee, Messrs. A. Bone, R. Buchanan, C. T. Chan, J. C. Gill, F. W. Grinter, H. P. Lim and L. Visser.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Two matches in the Open League Basketball were decided at Chinese Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, last evening and resulted as follows:

Wah Kiu 52 Bank Union 27
Black Cats 46 Yo Leung 37
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100 Trams @ \$17.30
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SIGNALS CHECKED AT LAST

Signals maintained their unbeaten record in Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo tournament when they were held to a four-all draw by Middlesex "A" in the Army Pool yesterday.

The game in the first half was evenly contested and four goals were shared. In the second half Signals scored two goals in succession, but Jennings reduced the lead with a good back-hand snap goal and before the final whistle Ure equalised with a long lob.

As the result of this game Y.M.C.A. are now the strongest challengers to the Signals' supremacy and the meeting of these two teams is eagerly awaited.

Following are the results of the games played yesterday.

Royal Scots "A" 3 Royal Scots "B" 2

Gray Millar Laws and Hunter Morris

Middlesex "A" 1 Navy "C" 3

Holiford Husk 2 and Wilson

Signals 4 Middlesex "A" 4

Dugman, McCann and Allen (2) and Ure

Table To Date

	Goals									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Signals	16	15	0	1	92	13	31			
Y.M.C.A.	16	14	2	0	82	18	28			
Middlesex "A"	15	13	1	1	83	16	27			
R. Navy "A"	15	10	4	1	55	33	21			
R. Scots "A"	15	10	5	0	49	12	20			
Combined Small										
Units	16	8	7	1	43	53	17			
R. Navy "C"	15	7	6	2	40	40	16			
8th. Regt. R.A.	13	5	8	2	38	30	12			
Middlesex "B"	14	4	9	1	28	52	9			
8th. A.A. Regt.										
R.A.	14	3	9	2	31	45	8			
965th. Bty. R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	8			
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5			
36th. Bty. R.A.	14	1	12	1	16	67	1			
R. Scots "B"	16	0	14	1	16	68	1			

To-day's Games

Following is to-day's programme AT ARMY POOL

Middlesex "C" v 8th. R.A.
Royal Scots "B" v 36th. R.A.
Middlesex "A" v Royal Scots "A"
Signals v Middlesex "B"

SIR VICTOR SASSOON AGAIN WINS

Sir Victor Sassoon, Shanghai millionaire sportsman, better known to followers of sport in the Colony as owner of the Eve stable, successfully defended the Carl Seitz Trophy for yacht racing in the Northern port on July 21.

In a field of seven, Sir Victor brought his yacht, Valerie, first past the post in the 45-mile race on the Yangtse with Mignon (J. Dalton) second. Third to cross the line was Whooper, with H. R. O. Edmonds at the helm.

BAHRAM'S U.S. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE CANCELLED

UNBEATEN BAHRAM, WHO WAS BOUGHT LAST YEAR BY AN AMERICAN SYNDICATE OF FOUR FROM THE AGA KHAN FOR A REPORTED PRICE OF BETWEEN \$180,000 AND \$185,000 DID NOT DO AS WELL PHYSICALLY AS COULD BE WISHED AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

In consequence all subscriptions to him for this year were cancelled. He was to have had 40 mares, of which 29 were owned by members of the syndicate.

All going well, he will have his first American season next year.

Bahram, whose wins included the Two Thousand Derby and St. Leger, had his first stud season in England in 1936 and his winners of last year included Turkman-Irish Derby and Yorkshire St. Leger.

Small Fortune

NOT only can an owner get a small fortune from prize-money for some races in America, but trainers of winners are treated with marked liberality. At the Suffolk Downs (Boston) meeting of 60 days which started in May

and ended this month, the trainer of the winner of the Massachusetts Handicap, of \$50,000, received \$2,000 from the association, trainers of three other winners of big races \$1,000 each, two other races \$750 each, and of eight others \$500 each. Altogether trainers' awards from the association totalled \$10,500.

The Royal Canadian Henley Regatta at St. Catherine's, Ontario, on Sunday, revealed that Ted Dubois, of Winnipeg, is the likely successor to Jim Burk, the world's premier sculler. Dubois won the single sculls, beating Joe Anygal, of Brooklyn, America, after a stern race over a mile and 560 yards in 8:10. Dubois beat Anygal in the recent American championship and last year was second to Burk for both the American and Canadian titles. Buffalo West Side had more successes on the last day of the regatta and won the team honours for the second successive year.—Reuter.

Easier Golf

LONG DRIVER

By Best Ball

While Jimmy Thomson finished last in the recent Goodall Round-Robin tournament, his power off the tee proved as much a magnet for the crowds as ever. On the 437 yd. eighth hole, he powdered the apple 360 yds. straight down the middle of the fairway, his longest drive of the year. Thomson modestly admits a breeze helped him gain this yardage, nevertheless the ball had to be hit perfectly. Not all of his shots are, for Jimmy occasionally has a tendency to hook and when this happens one can be assured that it is a real hook.

Thomson makes full use of his powerful physique on his drives, hitting as he puts it 'from the soles of his feet up' and enlisting hips, back, shoulders and arms in the process. One of his big assets is a pair of lively wrists enabling him to snap the club-head through at impact. Co-operating together these fac-



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tors give great clubhead velocity. Apparently the clubhead acceleration begins to fall off shortly before impact in all golfers' strokes but Thomson's powerful, pliable wrists reduce this slowing down to a minimum.

Next Article: What Practice Can Do.

DERBY WINNERS TO REMAIN IN ENGLAND

American offers for Hyperion, 1933 Derby winner, and Blue Peter, 1939 Derby winner, have been definitely refused.

Breeding authorities are unanimous that Hyperion is the best young stallion produced in England in the last 50 years and could command £70,000, despite the depreciated value of bloodstock.—Reuter.

Army Cricketer & Ruggerite Killed

Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, 100, Hady Crescent, Hady Hill, Chesterfield, have been notified that their only son, Staff-Sergt. Leo H. Smith (27), Royal Corps of Signals, who was posted missing on June 4, 1940, has died in France, presumably killed in action.

Sergt. Smith was educated at Chesterfield Grammar School and joined Royal Corps of Signals eight years ago. He was a keen athlete and held the light heavyweight championship of the Northern Command before proceeding to China, where he spent four years as confidential clerk to the G.O.C. China Command.

ORACLE TO BE SHOT

2nd In Austral Derby

Followers of racing will be sorry to learn that it has been found necessary to destroy Oracle, 1941 Australian pony (griffin) belonging to Mr. T. K. Li, whose pony Oolong won the Derby at the last Annual Meeting.

In an interview with the "China Mail," Mr. Li said that it was discovered after the Annual Meeting that Oracle had a stiff collar bone. It was thought, however, that this would yield to treatment and this theory was, to all appearances, borne out by the fact that Oracle won the Oakleigh Plate, last race on the programme at the First Extra Meeting, when it covered the Mile in 1:44, the full times for that distance being 24 3/5; 50 1/5; 1:17 2/5 and 1:44.

Oracle made its first appearance on the local track in the Austral Valley Stakes on the First Day of the Annual Meeting, when it ran unplaced. The next day, however, it somewhat upset calculations by being second to Distant View (Mr. Pih) in the Austral Derby, paying \$19.50 for a place bet. These two, however, were the only successes recorded by a pony which showed every promise of developing into one of the best representatives of the Li stable—it won \$2,500 in all in stakes money.

Wins On Three Legs

"ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT REALISE IT AT THE TIME, ORACLE ACTUALLY WON THE OAKLEIGH PLATE ON THREE LEGS," SAID MR. LI, WHO ADDED THAT HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER FOR A VERY GAME PONY.

"Mr. Needa, who took Oracle out on each occasion that it started, claims that Oracle is the best pony he had ridden," Mr. Li added. "Major Hogg and Major Simpson have done all they can for the pony, but I am afraid we will have to destroy it now. Such a sad end to a promising career," he said.

Mr. Li said that Oracle, together with his other ponies, was sent out to Fanling for summer grazing, but one day, about a month ago, Oracle collapsed and could not get up again. The pony was taken back to the stables, where everything was done for it, but to no avail.

Speaking about Oolong, his crack pony, and Confusion Bay, Mr. Li said that they were both in very good shape, adding that Colong would be sent out in the St. Leger, which Mr. Li was, not unnaturally, anxious to win.

CHANCE FOR LADY RIDERS

A feature of English sporting papers is the number of girls now advertising for positions with horses, also the number wanted for that class of work. Where men are required for stables, there is generally the proviso of "not eligible for military service."

With so many jockeys joining up, the services of girls capable of riding work are likely to be in strong demand. Two or three years ago there was quite an agitation for races for women riders to be put on at recognised meetings in England, and that may yet come about.

R.A.O.C. PLAYERS REGISTERED

Following players have been registered by Royal Army Ordnance Corps with Hong Kong Football Association for the coming soccer season:—G. W. Thompson, H. Standing, W. E. D. Robert, J. Reynolds, R. D. Pinder, A. Pennington, A. Jack, V. E. Hewitson, H. Harland, N. C. Harding, F. E. Gardner, J. R. Emberson, S. J. Duffield, and S. R. Adams.



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CHUNG HWA SCORE 6-3 WIN OVER SOUTH CHINA IN WEEK-END BALL TILT

By "Grandstand"

ONLY ONE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME WAS PLAYED OFF DURING THE WEEK-END, WHEN CHUNG HWA MAROONS EKED OUT A NARROW TRIUMPH OVER SOUTH CHINA ON SATURDAY, BEFORE A HANDFUL OF SPECTATORS (WHICH COULD ONLY BY COURTESY BE CALLED A CROWD), THE SLIGHT DOWNPOUR ON SUNDAY MORNING RENDERING RAILWAY CORNER UNSUITABLE FOR PLAY, CAUSING THE MINDANAO—ROYAL ENGINEERS TILT TO BE POSTPONED.

BASEBALL LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

By "Grandstand"

Following are the latest baseball batting averages of .300 or over:

	Games	Pct.
Kwan, W. T. (S.C.)	3	.571
Mascavage, T. (Min.)	8	.500
Abbas, R. A. (H.B.)	5	.467
Arculli, O. (H.B.)	5	.467
All, H. (H.B.)	4	.429
Leis (Ash.)	2	.429
Waggoner, C. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.420
Ruel, H. (Min.)	8	.421
Molthen, F. J. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.391
Alves, T. (H.B.)	5	.389
Foley, B. (H.E.)	7	.375
Rhodes (Ash.)	2	.375
Wilson, E. V. (Min.)	8	.375
Schaberg, J. (H.K.B.C.)	8	.364
Bowen, J. (H.B.)	4	.361
Batchiffe (A.E.)	6	.357
Elder, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.350
Fox, T. (H.E.)	6	.331
Chan, M. (C. Hwa)	5	.331
Cracy, D. (H.K.B.C.)	3	.333
Crumm (Ash.)	1	.333
Langford, C. (Ash.)	2	.333
Goff, D. (Ash.)	1	.333
Gosano, G. (H.B.)	3	.333
Shum (C. Hwa)	5	.333
Pawlowski, L. (Min.)	6	.314
Lo, K. (C. Hwa)	4	.307
Moy, E. (S.C.)	7	.300
Bowersox (Min.)	6	.300
Leonard, D. (H.B.)	5	.300
Leung, F. C. (C. Hwa)	4	.300
Strahl, R. (Min.)	5	.286
Chung, R. (C. Hwa)	2	.285
Moore (Min.)	6	.283
Lau, A. (C. Hwa)	6	.259
Pau, M. P. (S.C.)	2	.250
Leight, L. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.250
Sawyer, C. (Ash.)	2	.250
Watkins (Ash.)	2	.250
Souza, G. (H.B.)	5	.238
Arculli, M. (H.B.)	6	.235
Higgins, P. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.235
Sarsfield, M. (R.E.)	6	.235
Ching, W. (C. Hwa)	3	.230
Hussain, J. (H.B.)	4	.222
Groneck (Min.)	4	.200
Ma, Nelson (S.C.)	7	.200
Lo, D. (S.C.)	6	.182
Wingless, H. (S.C.)	7	.171
DiGiocomo (Ash.)	2	.167
Waller (H.K.B.C.)	4	.167
Wolford, J. (R.E.)	7	.167
Wingless, C. (S.C.)	7	.167
Fittinghoff, D. (H.K.B.C.)	6	.156
Taylor (R.E.)	4	.130
Hamlin, L. (H.K.B.C.)	4	.125
Lawrence, B. C. (H.K.B.C.)	3	.125
Chinn, H. (S.C.)	4	.125
Chang, B. (C. Hwa)	6	.117
Shaw, M. (R.E.)	7	.116
Johnson, B. (H.K.B.C.)	5	.100
Loong, T. H. (C. Hwa)	6	.100
Ng, C. W. (S.C.)	7	.095
Lau, P. I. (S.C.)	5	.077
Woo, W. (C. Hwa)	5	.077
Kennard (Min.)	6	.077
Cork (R.E.)	5	.071
Choy, P. F. (C. Hwa)	5	.067
Leonard, S. (H.B.)	4	.063
Wong, C. W. (S.C.)	6	.060
Oliver, G. (H.K.B.C.)	7	.059
Gray, B. (R.E.)	6	.000
Ho, B. K. (C. Hwa)	5	.000
Harper (R.E.)	4	.000
Jones (R.E.)	3	.000
Chan, Y. T. (C. Hwa)	3	.000
Brood (Ash.)	2	.000
Haigh (Ash.)	2	.000
Bakar (H.B.)	1	.000
Pitch, P. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Gough (R.E.)	1	.000
Governale (Ash.)	1	.000
Kramer (Ash.)	1	.000
Lim, V. (S.C.)	1	.000
Morey (Ash.)	1	.000
Morris, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Pang, S. K. (S.C.)	1	.000
Sperry, M. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Smith, W. A. (H.K.B.C.)	2	.000
Vaughan (Ash.)	1	.000
Walker, D. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000
Wells (R.E.)	1	.000
Wong, I. C. (S.C.)	1	.000
Wong, J. (H.K.B.C.)	1	.000

DID YOU KNOW?

On June 28, 1871, the Athletics defeated Troy in a National Association (later National League) game, 49 to 33. It took 4h. 30m.

Ring History Against Conn

Ever since David took a pot-shot at Goliath, who was the heavyweight champion in his time, the little fellows down through the ages have been rearing up and challenging the behemoths to "c'mon out and fight," writes an American boxing reporter.

THEY "CASHED IN"

When a day's racing was called off at Santa Anita recently owing to a stable-hand's strike, administration money was refunded. And that was where the deadheads scored. In refunding admission, parking and race card fees, the club paid out between \$2,500 and \$3,000 more than it received from the 20,000 who were at the meet.

FRIDAY'S BOXING MATCH

The British Boxing Board is recognising a fight between a coloured Londoner, Tommy Martin, and hefty Jack London at Manchester on Friday next as an elimination bout for the British Empire heavyweight championship.

Both men are in the Royal Air Force, and the winner will qualify to face Len Harvey, who is a pilot officer.

The board also recognises Sergeant Arthur Danaser, of the Irish Guards, as the leading contender for Ernie Roderick's British welter-weight championship, and the fight will be held in Liverpool next month.

Only one man has since made the foolhardy step, and that was John Henry Lewis. In January, 1939, John Henry met his close pal, Joe Louis. The friendship was suspended for exactly 2 minutes and 59 seconds, after which period John was carried back to his corner by Pal Joey and the friendship resumed.

Billy Conn had a stab at what no other light-heavyweight has accomplished since Tommy Burns turned the trick 35 years ago. Precedent was against him. Though Billy lost to Joe Louis, he won't be the last fighter in his class to take a shot at the top man. There's something about the loser's end of a heavyweight championship gate that saves a lot of wounds.

Mr. Edward Moore's Big Pebble won the \$60,000 Hollywood Gold Cup on July 20 by a neck from Mr. Harry Warner's Paper Boy, which finished a length ahead of Mr. Charles Howard's Midland. Big Pebble, which is a surprise winner of the big Widenor Cup Handicap earlier this year, covered the course of ten furlongs in 2 min. 2-3/5 sec.—Reuter.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	5	1	.833
*H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	4	2	.666
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	5	.286
South China	1	6	.143

* Since withdrawn.

BUDGE'S NEW FACE AS WEDDING GIFT

Donald Budge, world-famous tennis star, is honeymooning in the Middle West not only with a new wife but also with a new face, given to him as a wedding present by a distinguished plastic surgeon.

Dr. Maxwell Maltz, of New York, admits that he lifted Budge's receding chin, straightened his nose, and delighted Dierdre Conzelman, who is now Budge's wife.

Lanky, carrot-haired Budge had long been sensitive over his face, about which American sports columnists were cruelly critical.

Out in Quick Time

In the sixth the Carolinians went out in one-two-three order. Coming up for their last turn with the stick, Pat Wong grounded out. David "Dopey" Lo singled, pilfered second and crossed the plate standing up on Ernie Moy's two-bagger.

Lau tapped out an easy roller, advancing Moy to third, who spiked the rubber as Cecil Winglee hoisted one over centre-fielder Shum. Winglee purloined the midway station, but third-sacker "Wee" Willie Woo handled Nel Ma's grass-cutter perfectly, to toss him out by half a step.

"Morocco" Bats Well

Chung Hwa first-sacker, Morocco Chan, batting in the clean-up slot, earned batting honours with a two-in-three performance, chasing in four of his mates with a brace of timely singles.

Richard Chung poled out the longest blow of the fracas with a three-bagger to left, whilst Ernie Moy accounted for the other extra-bases knock with a ringing double.

Noel Hammond, former Shanghai Interport swimmer and holder of the 100 Yards free-style record of the Northern port, has returned to Hong Kong from Australia, where he spent a short holiday leave.

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Ray Robinson, Philadelphia negro who has been boxing as a professional for years, remains unbeaten following a decision in a 10-round bout against Sammy Angott, world lightweight champion, according to National Boxing Association. The title was not at stake, but Robinson floored Angott twice in the second round and clearly won seven rounds.

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NAZIS BOG DOWN

War Becomes Stationary In Smolensk Sector

CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

It was officially confirmed in London last night that the Chinese Government has requested the British Government to freeze Chinese assets in Britain and in the British Empire.

The measures will be put into effect shortly.

The reason for the Chinese Government's desire is that the Japanese are in control of certain parts of China and consequently assets of those territories.

If the Chinese assets were to remain unfrozen it would give the Japanese a loop-hole to continue trade with Britain.

A similar request was made by the Chinese Government to the Government of the United States who have already taken the necessary steps.

As From To-day

It was further officially announced in London that at the request of the Chinese Government and in order to assist China's financial position, Treasury directions have been issued blocking sterling balances and other assets of persons resident in China.

The directions come into operation as from the opening of business to-day.

General authority is given for any payment in the sterling area of certain outstanding transactions authorised on behalf of the Chinese Government as well as payments necessary for fulfilment of certain outstanding transactions.—Reuter.

German Thrust For Leningrad Stopped

INDICATIONS THAT THE RUSSO-GERMAN CAMPAIGN HAS DEVELOPED INTO POSITIONAL WARFARE, THE GERMANS BEING UNABLE TO MAINTAIN BLITZKRIEG TACTICS, ARE CONTAINED IN NEUTRAL PATCHES.

"Undoubtedly the war has become stationary in the critical central sector of the eastern front (round Smolensk) where the fighting has been very hard," declared the Berlin correspondent of the "Berlin Nachrichten."

Reports from the front, adds the correspondent, frequently mention that the German infantry have been obliged to dig themselves in and entrench in

order to facilitate defence against Russian counter-attacks.

German propaganda has been forced to turn a backward somersault since the German Army communiqué of July 7 reporting that the Russians had thrown into the battle their last reserves, and it is now being alleged that the Russians had received further reinforcements from the Urals which district "was, of course,

not taken into account by previous communiques."

The "Explanation"

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" explains the hold-up of the German offensive by saying: "A big battle is proceeding against the very strong Russian Army in order to enable the German Army to continue the war of movement."

A fortnight ago, the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" reported that Berlin was expecting the fall of Kiev within a few hours.

Soviet Communiqué

A Soviet communiqué issued yesterday says: "Our troops continue fighting in the directions of Smolensk and Zhitomir. The enemy offensive is breaking against the strong and stubborn fighting of our troops who in certain places are energetically counter-attacking and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. There are no important battles elsewhere."

"In other directions and sectors of the front, there is nothing of importance. Our air forces are cooperating with the land troops operating against large enemy formations of aircraft and aerodromes."

"A total of 109 German planes were shot down on July 26, when our losses were 36. The Baltic coastal defences sank a torpedo boat and two patrol boats. We lost one torpedo boat."—Reuter.

Battle-Cruiser Bombed

Yesterday afternoon's Soviet communiqué stated: "There were all-night Red Army actions in the directions of Nevel, Smolensk and Zhitomir, but elsewhere there is nothing of importance to report."

Soviet aviation attacked enemy units in co-ordination with the land forces and also bombed the aerodrome and oil city of Constanza. A Finnish battle-cruiser was also bombed and Soviet pilots report direct hits, followed by a powerful explosion. A German transport ship and motor-barge on the way to Finland with war materials were reported sunk by the Soviet Air Force, while a Soviet patrol boat found four enemy fliers in a rubber boat in the Baltic. When captured, these fliers said their plane had made a forced landing after being damaged by shore defence batteries."—British Wireless.

Division Destroyed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow announced yesterday that another German infantry division, the sixth within four days, had been annihilated in the Smolensk sector.

Two German mechanised divisions are included within the six reported to have been destroyed in determined Russian counter-offensive operations.—International News Service.

SPEEDY FLARE-UP UNLIKELY

(Continued from Page 1)

ernment and that every move in the economic sphere will find an equivalent reprisal.

In Shanghai, where rumours of a trade export ban, except to Japan, persist, the share market has taken a downward plunge. The total loss at noon was estimated at between 20 and 25 per cent. in share values.

The discussions in Privy Council yesterday, in the presence of the Emperor, lasted for more than four hours, and Tokyo reports state that the Council closely questioned every member of the Government "on every angle of the crisis." — International News Service.

GOEBBELS ON THE WARPATH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Although the German High Command remains extremely reticent regarding events on the eastern front, Berlin propaganda quarters claimed yesterday the annihilation of a Russian division to the west of Vyasma, midway between Smolensk and Moscow.

They did not say how far west the alleged action took place.

It is also claimed that the Stalin Line (which was "overrun" a fortnight ago) has been pierced at another point, while German detachments advancing from Bessarabia are stated to have captured 21 Soviet bunker positions.

"The forward movement towards Moscow is on, with the Luftwaffe knocking the first dents in the Russian stronghold to the west of the Volga where the Germans are 'about ready' to 'tear inland on a broad front'." Or so says Dr. Goebbels.—International News Service.

NAVAL BATTLE IN BALTIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT IS CLAIMED OFFICIALLY IN MOSCOW THAT TWO NAZI DESTROYERS, ONE SUBMARINE AND TWO FUEL-LADEN SHIPS, HAVE BEEN SUNK IN A NAVAL BATTLE IN THE BALTIC.

The engagement apparently broke out when a German convoy on its way to Finland, having been detected by Soviet reconnaissance planes, was attacked by a Russian naval squadron.—International News Service.

NAZIS STRIPPING SPANISH RAILWAYS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Lisbon correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that the Germans are stripping the Spanish railways of rolling stock for use on the Russian railways.—International News Service.

OPERA STAR SAFE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Norwegian Legation in Stockholm declared last night that the opera star, Kirsten Flagstad, was safe with her husband "somewhere in Norway."

Her manager and relatives in the United States have been unable to get into contact with her for five weeks.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Under the heading "If Burma should be attacked" the "Times" in London publishes an article from its Special Correspondent in Burma in which he states that Japan has long been studying the possibilities of an attack on Burma from bases in south-east Asia which she would have little difficulty in establishing.

"The most probable objective of such an attack would be the Burma Road" the Correspondent continues, "or while China resists, the Japanese forces are largely tied down. The attack might come through the southern Shan states along the main roads leading west to Kengtung, Loilem and Taunggyi. A successful thrust would enable the invader to sever vital communications to the south and by a secondary advance to Hispaw control the road to Lashio and China."

Declaring that the enemy would encounter strong resistance by forces well-trained to operate in a country which must be seen to be believed, the correspondent continues, "invasion from the east would face formidable natural obstacles."—Reuter.

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